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WESTERN INTERIOR FEDERAL
SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL COUNCIL

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Fairbanks, Alaska

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February 25, 1998 - 9:00 a.m.

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21 COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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23 Mr. Carl M. Morgan, Chairman

24 Mr. Henry Deacon

25 Mr. William Derendoff

26 Mr. Ray Collins

27 Mr. Ronald Sam

28 Mr. Jack L. Reakoff

29 Ms. Angela O. Demientieff

30 Mr. Benedict Jones

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32 Mr. Vince Mathews, Coordinator

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P R O C E E D I N G S

(On record - 9:10 a.m.)

CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Good morning. I'd like to call this Western Interior meeting to order at 9:10. Item number 2, roll call please.

MR. MATHEWS: Yes, Mr. Chairman, can everybody hear me?

CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Fine.

MR. MATHEWS: Okay. It sounds pretty dead on this side but we'll go with it. William Derendoff.

MR. DERENDOFF: Here.

MR. MATHEWS: Gail Vanderpool resigned, so she's obviously absent. Jack Reakoff.

MR. REAKOFF: Here.

MR. MATHEWS: Henry Deacon.

MR. DEACON: Here.

MR. MATHEWS: Benedict Jones.

MR. JONES: Here.

MR. MATHEWS: Ray Collins.

MR. COLLINS: Here.

MR. MATHEWS: Angela Demientieff.

MS. DEMIENTIEFF: Here.

MR. MATHEWS: Ron Sam.

MR. SAM: Here.

MR. MATHEWS: Carl Morgan.

CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Here.

MR. MATHEWS: Mr. Chairman, you have eight out of the nine Council members so you have a quorum.

CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Okay. Item number 3 is the

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1 introduction of Council members, agency Staff and honored
2 guests. I'll start with myself, my name is Carl Morgan. I'm
3 from Aniak. Can we start with Henry.

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5 MR. DEACON: Henry Deacon, Grayling.

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7 MR. COLLINS: Ray Collins from McGrath, Alaska.

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9 MR. SAM: Ronald Sam, Alatna/Allakaket.

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11 MR. JONES: Benedict Jones, Koyukuk.

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13 MR. REAKOFF: Jack Reakoff, Wiseman.

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15 MS. DEMIENTIEFF: Angela Demientieff, Holy Cross.

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17 MR. DERENDOFF: William Derendoff, Huslia.

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19 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Staff.

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21 MR. MATHEWS: Mr. Chairman, I think before we go to
22 Staff we have a guest here from Yukon/Kuskokwim Regional
23 Advisory Council. I think it'd be protocol to have him
24 recognized, Mr. Nicholia. You may want to come up to the mic
25 -- no. Just out of protocol it would be nice.

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27 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Yes.

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29 MR. NICHOLIA: Hello, my name is.....

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31 REPORTER: Excuse me, sir, could you pickup the
32 microphone, thank you.

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34 MR. NICHOLIA: Good morning. My name is Ilarion. I'm
35 with the Federal Subsistence Yukon-Kuskokwim Regional Advisory
36 Council.

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38 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: How do you say your first name again?

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40 MR. NICHOLIA: Ilarion.

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42 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Thank you.

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44 MR. NICHOLIA: Thank you.

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46 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: You're welcome to our meeting and
47 we're glad you are here.

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49 MR. MATHEWS: Yeah, I'll start the Staff, we're having

50 a little sound equipment problems but we'll work through that.

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1 I'll just introduce myself and then the rest of the Staff can
2 go out there, including the honored guests from Tanana Chiefs.
3 I'm a little uncomfortable in this setting, it's so plush so
4 you're going to hear me blush quite a bit so get used to it, I
5 gather. My name is Vince Mathews, I'm the regional coordinator
6 for Eastern and Western Interior with Fish and Wildlife
7 Service.

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9 MR. DEMATTEO: I'm Pete Dematteo, a biologist for Fish
10 and Wildlife Service for the Eastern and Western Interior.

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12 MR. SHERROD: I'm George Sherrod, I'm the
13 anthropologist for Fish and Wildlife Service with the Eastern
14 and Western Interior.

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16 MS. MEEHAN: Rosa Meehan. I work in the Subsistence
17 Office with all of these guys.

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19 MR. YOKEL: Dave Yokel with the Bureau of Land
20 Management, Northern District headquartered here in Fairbanks.

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22 MR. MATHEWS: The rest of the Staff, like from Park
23 Service or the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. Dave may
24 want to go.

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26 MR. ANDERSON: My name's Dave Anderson. I'm with
27 Department of Fish and Game, Division of Subsistence here in
28 Fairbanks.

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30 MR. BURR: John Burr. I'm with Fish and Game, Sport
31 Fish Division based out of here.

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33 MR. TWITCHELL: Hollis Twitchell. I'm with Denali
34 National Park.

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36 MR. WILLIAMS: Gene Williams. Fish and Wildlife
37 Service, Koyukuk/Nowitna Refuges, Galena.

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39 MR. McCLELLAN: I'm Greg McClellan with the Kanuti
40 National Wildlife Refuge.

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42 MR. WILSON: I'm Curt Wilson. I'm with the State
43 Office of the Bureau of Land Management.

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45 MR. ULVI: Steve Ulvi with the National Park Service,
46 Gates of the Arctic.

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48 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: In the back.
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MR. SCHWARBER: I'm currently not affiliated with an

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1 agency. My name is Jim Schwarber, I'm a doctoral student in
2 Northern Studies of Fisheries, Alaska Fairbanks.

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4 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Anybody we missed?

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6 MS. RICHARDSON: Katherine Richardson. Fairbanks Fish
7 and Game Advisory Committee.

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9 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Welcome.

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11 MR. MATHEWS: Mr. Chairman, just so people understand
12 the table is there for anyone to use, the long table. And
13 we'll move whatever needs to be for testimony. We discovered
14 at the Tanacross meeting putting out tables there assisted
15 Staff and public quite a bit. So there's no -- you don't have
16 to have a ticket or reservation.

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18 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Okay. Item number 4, opening
19 comments from an elder. Are there any elders here?

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21 MR. SAM: Mr. Chairman, we usually have someone from
22 the villages that we meet in address the Board, and we intended
23 to invite Sidney Huntington down in Galena but we had to move
24 up to Fairbanks so I think we can drop number 4.

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26 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Anybody else want to say any -- an
27 elder from the Council? Want to say anything? If not, we'll
28 continue to Item number 5. Council member concerns.

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30 MR. MATHEWS: Mr. Chairman, just so everyone remembers,
31 this is the time where you can talk about various items and
32 then when we get a little further down we look at including it
33 into the agenda. It helps Staff tremendously when you guys
34 bring in topics and concerns at this time, either for future
35 meetings or for this meeting. Sometimes you don't have any
36 but.....

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38 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: I'll start with my left, Henry, you
39 got any concerns?

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41 MR. DEACON: Well, the most concern that we have is the
42 issue down in our areas is worse, I guess. This year it's
43 getting worse, that wolf pack is all out there, they're really
44 cleaning up on the moose from what we see. Also the caribou
45 that's coming over from the coast there. So that's one of the
46 concerns that we have. There's a lot of concerns, but I can't
47 think of any now.

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49 MR. COLLINS: I have no special issues that aren't on

50 the agenda today.

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1 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Okay.

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3 MR. COLLINS: Thank you.

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5 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Ron.

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7 MR. SAM: Yeah, I've got a few. There's a lot of it
8 that's informational and some of this is just to throw around
9 again. Number one was that we had a meeting up at Allakaket,
10 we divided all the Board members and interested people from
11 Koyukuk, Huslia, Alatna, Allakaket and Evans Village. And we
12 are in the process of trying to form our own moose management
13 committee. At this time we're looking forward to our next
14 meeting and we ask everyone concerned right now to -- I mean
15 out there looking for funding, at this time, at where we're at
16 we're looking for next meeting which will be a teleconference
17 and then get a general consensus of where we want to go from
18 there. That's the status of the moose management committee.

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20 We are concerned and totally opposed to transplantation
21 of wolves to the Wildlake area from the Tok area because we are
22 being inundated by wolves ourselves within the Alatna/Allakaket
23 area. We have deep snow in that area and we have heavy timber
24 so we -- the best way we can get them is through snaring. We
25 cannot chase them down with snowmachines or airplanes which we
26 do not have. So we're totally against transplanting of wolves.

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28 We are concerned about our current controlled use areas
29 which is the Kanuti Wildlife Refuge and the Koyukuk Wildlife
30 Refuge. We want to keep those controlled use areas in its
31 entirety. We do not want them to -- we do not want to see them
32 cut or dropped in any way, form or matter.

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34 Again, we are still concerned about trapping and
35 snaring of wolves. As I said we have deep snow and heavy
36 timber. So one of our most effective ways of controlling
37 wolves is through snares.

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39 And I guess it just came out, but our Alatna Tribal
40 Offices concern about the new subsistence bill or a revision
41 introduced by Scott Ogan. And we would like to see this bill
42 passed out to all our respective communities so we can analyze
43 and start commenting on this.

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45 Last, but not least, at our moose management meeting at
46 Allakaket, I got the consensus of both Alatna/Allakaket and the
47 surrounding area that we want to host the fall meeting of the
48 Western Interior Regional Subsistence Council, so you're all
49 invited. And we know that it's on the agenda, but you are

50 invited to Allakaket for the fall meeting of the Western

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1 Interior Council.

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3 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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5 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: I got a couple concerns. This one's
6 been bothering me, I think we've got to redefine, at least in
7 the Federal level or in this Council, redefine the wanton waste
8 issue; in making a reasonable effort to get the meat out is
9 just not, in my opinion, not cutting it. If that moose or meat
10 of a bear, caribou, or whatever meat may it be is leaving some
11 of these airports in pretty smelly condition. In my thinking
12 and I think in a lot of Native ways thinking, that's waste, or
13 in anybody's thinking that's waste. So I think we've got to
14 look at the wanton waste definition. And like I said earlier,
15 making a reasonable effort is not cutting it.

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17 Another issue that I was looking at the Federal
18 Register, and we've got to be very careful when we look at
19 these proposed regulation changes. Because I see this is a
20 published register and I don't know how it got through here,
21 but for one instance under brown bear, from 19(B), it
22 classifies only one village eligible to hunt there. And it's
23 19(B) brown bear, residents of Kwethluk. It makes me wonder,
24 there's a lot of people up in Sleetmute, Stony River, Red
25 Devil, Crooked Creek, Aniak, Chuathbaluk, Kalskag that are very
26 close to 19(B). That they use that area very regularly. Now,
27 being it's published in the Federal register, we excluded
28 those. So it passed this Board, it passed the big Board and
29 it's very dangerous when we make these proposal changes. Sure
30 some of them are very sensible and some of them make good for a
31 few villages, but if we don't stay on top of it and make sure
32 we're doing the good for all the people it's doing a disservice
33 to some people.

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35 So we've got to be very careful when we look at these
36 proposed regulation changes. And I think maybe the Staff has
37 caught some of that and are doing their due diligence in doing
38 some of their homework so they can pass the information to us.
39 Thank you.

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41 MR. JONES: Yeah. I'm mostly concerned about the moose
42 management in the Koyukuk River because we had entry permits
43 last summer which worked pretty good for the villages
44 surrounding the Koyukuk. And another thing was that moose
45 management, there's a lot of wolves, an increase this year.
46 There's several packs that's -- one pack, the biggest pack was
47 22 in one pack. And they average about three or four moose per
48 week. So that's got to impact on our moose population in the
49 Koyukuk, Three-Day Slough area. Mainly in the Three-Day Slough

50 area is where all the wolf packs are. And we just had a

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1 meeting in Galena yesterday, and we talked about the moose
2 management and we came out to reauthorize the antlerless moose
3 hunt in both seasons, September and February.

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5 Thank you.

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7 MR. REAKOFF: In our area where I'm at, we don't really
8 have any concerns to address at this time. We have proposals
9 and so forth but we will work through that address some of our
10 concerns. So from our area right now we're not having any
11 problems.

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13 MS. DEMIENTIEFF: For down where I come from, down in
14 the Holy Cross, Anvik, Grayling Shageluk region, we live in an
15 area that is controlled -- a controlled use area. And what our
16 biggest gripe is about Fish and Game people on vacation coming
17 into our controlled use area and shooting from their planes and
18 getting wolves. And then we're told, you guys can't be flying
19 around in these planes hunting, but it's fine and well for Fish
20 and Game. People have called in -- the guy's out of Bethel, by
21 the way -- have called in and complained about it. They say,
22 you got to take pictures, you got to get this and that and
23 people are just tired of hearing about it.

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25 When we, the people, have to abide by rules, but Alaska
26 Department of Fish and Game people personnel don't have to,
27 that's where it's wrong. And I really think that we need some
28 help in our region to look at these guys who are coming in on
29 their vacation using it as a hobby and our people can't.
30 Because we were told for years we cannot fly in our area and
31 shoot from the airplanes. That's our biggest concern right
32 now.

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34 The other concern I have is I also sit on the YRFDA
35 Board, which is the Yukon River Fisherman Drainage Association,
36 and I was at a meeting in Kaltag the week of the 9th. And
37 that's a river wide organization, it starts at the mouth of the
38 Yukon River and goes all the way to the border. There was a
39 resolution submitted to form an 11th Region for -- like ours is
40 the sixth region, well, they want one formed, the 11th. But
41 they want to only control the salmon in the river, not the fish
42 -- or not the game issues, but just the king salmon, the chum
43 and coho. They'd like to control just that. We had quite a
44 few people there and the motion didn't pass. We recommended
45 back to our -- Dan, that he approach every village from the
46 mouth of the Yukon to the border and ask the people there is
47 that their wish, do they want to have an 11th region formed
48 just for the Yukon River and then get back to us on it.
49 Because we were all surprised that they wanted to do this at

50 that meeting. And we thought our region and the other regions

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1 above and below us took care of all of these issues already
2 about forming another one.

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4 That's the only two concerns I had, thank you.
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6 MR. DERENDOFF: At Huslia, what they've been trying to
7 do is trying to get both -- well, the way it's going right now
8 is start a committee with the tribal government and we had a
9 short meeting. Because the tribal council on their agenda,
10 they don't have enough time to discuss important issues like --
11 especially fish and wildlife and subsistence. So we're trying
12 to create a committee that reports to the tribal council on
13 these subsistence and fish and wildlife issues.

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15 The reason why we wanted to start the committee was
16 normally the tribal council has a monthly meeting and their
17 agenda is all filled and we don't have enough time on it. So
18 that was the reason for that and it's just only starting. And
19 I talked to the tribal council about this and they thought it
20 was a good idea.

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22 And we discussed that wolves, which was wolf trapping,
23 which really affected our area, especially in the proposals
24 that's coming out. We also attended the meeting, the State
25 meeting. And it seemed like the proposals now that were
26 affecting us in a way -- one way was the proposal was trying to
27 -- it seemed like we were kind of stuck in between how the
28 trappers all around the state traps. I know for a fact that
29 trappers normally, sometimes, go and respect animals and trap,
30 in which the Native people do or especially the local -- our
31 area of people that do. But there are some people that goes --
32 they don't trap right. They just leave their snares out in
33 winter and leave their snare out all summer, and so we're kind
34 of stuck in between these proposals that's saying that -- it's
35 sort of like saying like that's the way we trap and snare,
36 which is not right. And we have a lot of respect for whatever
37 we catch, especially wolves. After we catch them, then we --
38 when we bring them home we respect them when we bring them
39 home, that's just our way of trapping and some of these
40 proposals we were kind of against because it didn't really
41 apply to us but like I said we were stuck.

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43 And also the moose, we're trying to keep -- the
44 proposals that's already made right now. I don't think they
45 have enough time to find out if it's even working and there's
46 more proposals on top of that. So we're trying to keep these
47 proposals down because we have to give the other proposals a
48 chance to work.

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And that's all I have now, thank you.

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1 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Okay. Vince.

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3 MR. MATHEWS: Mr. Chairman, just one note we do have a
4 letter in from Dan Albrecht of Yukon River Fisheries Drainage
5 Association that we will probably take up later when we deal
6 with fisheries; just to note that for Angela. Because she
7 brought in that issue and Dan has a response.

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9 I suppose at this time you guys have already got the
10 pattern down, you have this file in front of you that have all
11 the materials that are not in book and they are in order. So
12 you're going to hear us periodically point to this file. For
13 the Staff and the audience, there are public copies of these
14 same things, either on the table or in files in a box. So when
15 we get into proposals and if you need a copy of the analysis,
16 we have them back there, just limited copies. So anyways,
17 sorry for the interruption but I didn't want to pass up that we
18 have a letter right from the executive director of YRFDA.

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20 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Okay, Item number 6, the agenda. Any
21 corrections or additions to the agenda?

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23 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, I move we adopt as
24 presented.

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26 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: There's a motion on the floor to
27 adopt the agenda as presented.

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29 MR. SAM: Mr. Chairman, I second.

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31 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Second.

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33 MR. SAM: Under the -- we have closing concerns under
34 14, so I think we can pickup everything else that we miss at
35 the end. So in that order I second the motion.

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37 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: It's been seconded. Any discussion
38 on approval of the agenda?

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40 MR. SAM: Question.

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42 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Question's been called for. All in
43 favor of approving the agenda as presented signify by saying
44 aye.

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46 IN UNISON: Aye.

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48 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: All opposed same sign.

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1 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: The agenda has been approved. Item
2 number 7, approval of the minutes of October 8th and 9th, '97
3 in McGrath.

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5 MR. MATHEWS: Mr. Chairman, they're under Tab P as in
6 Paul. And due to copying difficulties, you'll notice in there
7 there are some areas where it's grey, those are clarifications
8 and additions to the minutes that were sent to you. For
9 example, if you look at Page 3, the top paragraph, you'll see,
10 just before it says, consent agenda, it says, the Regional
11 Council did not discuss, that was supposed to be grayed.
12 Because I originally had in there, was not supportive, not as
13 supported for. It was suggested to rewrite that. So just so
14 you know on that you can page through and look. Just
15 oversight, I failed to mention your name and who was present,
16 that would be another one. And then there's just some
17 editorial ones. There's no major, what do I want to say, major
18 rewrites in there, but just so you know, the copying of this,
19 we're going to be bringing it up that the, what's called
20 redlining, did not copy well.

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22 MR. COLLINS: On Page 1 down there under member
23 comments there under Angela's, I think there's some mistake in,
24 but not actually not releasing, it reads -- I'm not sure what
25 we're saying there.

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27 MR. MATHEWS: What the intent there was they were
28 catching and not really practicing releasing -- catch and
29 release.

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31 MR. COLLINS: Then drop out the second not.

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33 MR. MATHEWS: Yeah, that's what the strike through line
34 through is.

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36 MR. COLLINS: Okay, I'm sorry. I wasn't sure of that.

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38 MR. MATHEWS: We're just getting too fancy with the
39 computers.

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41 MR. COLLINS: Okay.

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43 MR. MATHEWS: I was just so impressed with the word
44 not, I put it in.....

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46 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Anymore corrections on the minutes?
47 If there isn't any more corrections or comments -- Jack.

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49 MR. REAKOFF: Move to adopt these minutes.

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1 MS. DEMIENTIEFF: Second.

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3 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: There's a motion to adopt the minutes
4 of October 8th and 9th, 1997 and seconded. Any more discussion?

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6 MR. JONES: Question.

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8 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Question's been called for. All in
9 favor of adopting the minutes of October 8th and 9th, 1997,
10 McGrath signify by saying aye.

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12 IN UNISON: Aye.

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14 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: All opposed same sign.

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16 (No opposing responses)

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18 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: The minutes of October 8th and 9th,
19 1997 have been adopted. Item number 8, Regional Council member
20 report.

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22 MR. MATHEWS: Mr. Chairman, I may need to explain why
23 this is in here. This is where -- it's kind of redundant but
24 not always. This is for the Chair to report -- in the past the
25 Chair's been involved with three or four committees. This last
26 round that has not happened, but you did have a meeting with
27 other Chairs. And then the next one down may not be needed
28 because you've done it with -- the concern's possibly is -- for
29 example, let's see, yeah, I think, everybody on this Council is
30 on the local State Fish and Game Committee, and this would be a
31 time to share something from that avenue or different things.

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33 So I will keep putting it in the agenda until told not
34 to. But it's a time for people to report about other groups
35 that they belong to that may have effect on subsistence use on
36 Federal lands.

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38 MR. SAM: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I'd like to see it on the
39 agenda because things that are on uncontrolled or things that
40 we call in our local areas happening, such as our moose control
41 committee, you know, I'd like to see this kept on the agenda.

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43 MR. MATHEWS: That's good.

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45 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: On my report I did -- as Vince was
46 saying, I did have a meeting with the Bristol Bay and the Y-K
47 Delta Chair, Lester Wilde was there by phone, I can't think of
48 his name from Bristol Bay, the Chairman.

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1 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Dan O'Hara, we met in Anchorage and
2 discussed under the c&t determinations on these proposals. And
3 at that time it was only a discussion and informational
4 meeting. No action was to be taken by anyone of us because we
5 didn't go there with no power with any of our Council's
6 backing. It was a meeting that was just to share information
7 to discuss to learn, as you see, Mr. Nicholia's here from the
8 Northwest Council, that's one of the things that came out in
9 the meeting that we should have somebody from our neighboring
10 Advisory Councils to attend so we have some kind of knowledge
11 that's sharing information and he'll bring back what happened
12 here. And I'm hoping that -- I asked Ray Collins if he'd be
13 willing to go down to Bethel, I kind of put him in a spot this
14 morning, but I don't know if his.....

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16 MR. COLLINS: Yeah, I'll have to look because I'm not
17 sure if I can or not, but I'll check.

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19 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: If he can't go, I've got meetings at
20 home for our local RC&D, I'm the Chairman of that so I'll be
21 tied up in that meeting. I'd like to go. If Ray can't go, I'm
22 asking the rest of the Council, is anybody willing to go as a
23 volunteer? And I'll try to go to the Bristol Bay, I don't know
24 when that meeting is coming up.

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26 MR. MATHEWS: I'll get all the dates on that. The main
27 exchange was going to be with Yukon-Kuskokwim.

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29 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: See the most thing we have in common
30 with the Yukon was -- any concerns and commonality with the
31 Bristol Bay because it was mostly with the Y-K. But it is very
32 informational, it is good to go there and meet the people and
33 hear their concerns, why they are claiming c&t.

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35 MR. MATHEWS: The best would be if someone could
36 attend, but we also have the option of probably
37 teleconferencing, too, I mean because of the conflicts with
38 other schedules. So that would not be out of a possibility if
39 someone's available for a teleconference. We would just make
40 equipment available at Bethel and then call you in with the
41 lead time and then when the proposals came up -- well, we'll
42 leave the rest of the discussion on proposals when we get into
43 them.

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45 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Okay.

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47 MR. MATHEWS: Because there's definitely a need for
48 dialogue between the two Councils.

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CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Yeah, he's there to share information

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1 and open the dialogue like Vince is saying.

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3 MR. SAM: What are the dates on that meeting?

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5 MR. MATHEWS: Well, I brought everything but the
6 kitchen sink, I didn't bring those dates. If my memory serves
7 me, it's the 3rd and 4th, but it did move several times and it
8 is sometime next week of March. And the Board -- for the newer
9 members, the Board has made it clear and especially the Chair
10 that the Board would prefer to workout these issue before the
11 get to the Board level. That there's at least dialogue between
12 the Councils, if not, some type of agreement with that. So
13 that's what we've been working on. Henry's been involved with
14 dealing with the 21(E), the GASH area, and lower Yukon. So
15 anyways, I'll have those dates later today, but it is two days
16 next week. I just can't remember what days.

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18 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman.

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20 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Go ahead Ray.

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22 MR. COLLINS: I wonder if Ilarion knows the date of
23 that meeting because he's on that?

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25 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Do you know?

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27 MR. NICHOLIA: Next Tuesday and Wednesday or Wednesday
28 or Thursday, I think.

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30 MR. COLLINS: I'm sorry, I didn't mean to put you on
31 the spot.

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33 MR. MATHEWS: Mr. Chair, what happened there is that
34 they're dealing with fisheries and charters so they had an
35 addition to their agenda and so that's why it's not -- it's
36 finalized, the dates. But it's just -- that's why it's
37 confusing because it did bounce around a little bit.

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39 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: In any sense, we will be there,
40 either in person or by teleconference, if we don't get anybody
41 to volunteer here. Maybe Jack from way up.....

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43 MR. REAKOFF: Mr. Chairman, I'm trapping wolves right
44 now and I took that -- I got checked up, but next week I got to
45 trip -- go back trapping again and that's also a long ways from
46 where I've been as far as knowing about that country, you know.

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48 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: I thought maybe you -- I could send
49 you down so you could seen country that you haven't seen

50 before. So are we about done with Item 8, we'll always keep

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1 these on the agenda -- do we have any other comments. Ron.

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3 MR. SAM: Yeah. Just on that Koyukuk Moose Management
4 Committee planning. One of the concerns that William Brenner
5 (ph) keeps bringing out is the tribal offices -- tribal council
6 is not being involved with the subsistence issues. And at that
7 -- at our Koyukuk River Moose Management Committee meeting we
8 had all the tribal offices and the tribal councils involved.
9 So it's getting -- with Stanley's help we've more or less put
10 it in their hands for where they've always told us that we're
11 out there talking, talking, talking with no action, we're
12 putting more and more of the action and talking in their hands,
13 which is, to their benefit because they're more knowledgeable
14 of the every day occurrences in their area, what is happening,
15 and that could create at this meeting concern over moose
16 management or mismanagement.

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18 We'll be working closely through Tanana Chiefs, Western
19 Interior and Koyukuk River State advisory committees. We're
20 trying to put this together where no one takes the lead except
21 the people themselves and all the benefits, if possible, going
22 to the people.

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24 What we're trying to do, too, is that trying to get
25 some of our key people -- key leadership people involved such
26 as our chiefs and their councils with their respective staffs
27 under their hands so they can utilize some help. Because as
28 advisory committees up in our area we have no real staff except
29 through Stanley of Tanana Chiefs or somebody -- or Vince
30 Mathews or Jim Marcott of the State Department of Game. So
31 it's -- it may sound like we're dropping the bomb on the
32 councils but what we're doing is trying to get more actions or
33 reactions out of them instead of -- the way that they want, not
34 us pushing it down their throats. And that's where we're at at
35 this time. It's just in the drawing stages and we'll keep you
36 informed.

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38 MR. DEACON: Mr. Chairman.

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40 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Henry.

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42 MR. DEACON: Sam, what is -- you're after co-
43 management?

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45 MR. SAM: Well, what we're trying to do is trying to
46 not only co-manage, but be more effective in managing the moose
47 all along the Koyukuk River because it's one of the last
48 strongholds of moose within the state.

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MR. DEACON: You know, Mr. Chairman, I'd really like to

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1 figure out some way for IRA tribal councils in our area to have
2 co-management. Some way written into these -- some of these
3 refuges. I don't know how we can do that, but there's a bunch
4 of expert people around here that ought to have the tribal
5 council have co-management. Because the tribal council members
6 in the Federal is a recognized body of government, therefore we
7 should be co-management.

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9 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Ron.

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11 MR. SAM: Yeah, Henry that's exactly what we're looking
12 for up in the Koyukuk River area. And as you heard mentioned
13 by Benedict here, our Koyukuk River Advisory Committee did
14 create that permit hunt, both subsistence and general, out of
15 Galena. And what we were looking for was cutting down the
16 number of hunters utilizing our areas. So far it has been
17 shown to be pretty effective in limiting the amount of hunters
18 going to the area no matter how much people hate the permit
19 system or registration system. But that's exactly what we're
20 looking for is get the tribal councils totally involved in co-
21 management or whatever system that can work out there instead
22 of using the Koyukuk River Advisory Committees. And I know it
23 does sound like we're dropping the bomb on them but we want
24 them to have more say so that it would make some of our jobs
25 easier as advisory council members or subsistence council
26 members.

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28 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Vince.

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30 MR. MATHEWS: Mr. Chairman, you have, in your past
31 annual report and in the draft one before you later in the
32 meeting addressed that concern of co-management. So we'll need
33 to see if the draft captures that. In particular, we used the
34 Koyukuk River area, 21(D) and 24, and the GASH area, Grayling,
35 Anvik, Shageluk and Holy Cross as examples in your '96 report
36 and possibly in your '97 report. So we'll need to look at that
37 again to see how this program in itself can assist in that co-
38 management and Ron is correct, through tribal and then also
39 through State entities, also. So it is in there in somewhat
40 answer to Henry but not in total.

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42 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Mr. Chairman.

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44 MR. COLLINS: On the Denali Park Subsistence Recourse
45 Commission, SRC. We look at issues that impact the upper
46 Kuskokwim there and so on. In some of these proposals, they
47 seem like a long way away but 19(C) actually goes up and
48 touches on the end of the Park.

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CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Yeah.

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1 MR. COLLINS: And what we were going through the c&t
2 findings, for instance, on black bear, and so you have people
3 clear down -- villages clear down by Bethel that a c&t finding
4 will be made, but our recommendation was that we recommend no
5 action on c&t since the black bear under State regs is open
6 year-round with three bears.

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8 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Yes.

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10 MR. COLLINS: So we might think about that approach
11 when we look at some of these. Not make a finding at all if we
12 don't need to now.

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14 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Um-hum.

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16 MR. COLLINS: Because when we do make one we get into
17 this having to make it finer tuned and this village and that
18 and that's just a suggestion that we might think about not
19 acting if it doesn't need to be right now. So you're not
20 excluding anybody then.

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22 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Yes. By taking action you do
23 exclude.

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25 MR. COLLINS: That's right.

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27 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: You don't want to make it any -- you
28 want to make it better, not worse.

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30 MR. COLLINS: Yes, yes.

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32 MR. REAKOFF: Mr. Chairman.

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34 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Jack.

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36 MR. REAKOFF: I'd like to comment on that tribal
37 council. I feel that that's a -- you know, the whole process
38 of these proposals is to get the most public comment so that we
39 can fine tune the ideas. And I feel that encouraging the
40 tribal councils in the process, get real good grassroots input
41 into the proposal process. I feel that that should be
42 encouraged.

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44 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Yeah. I see what Ray and your
45 comment proposal wise and recommendation of the c&t's. I think
46 if we wait a little, it's an agenda item, it's the next one
47 coming up and then we can get into it. We can bring it up
48 again.

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MR. REAKOFF: Mr. Chairman, I also had comments on the

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1 -- I'm also on the Gates of the Arctic Subsistence Resource
2 Commission and the Koyukuk River Advisory Committee. Our
3 Subsistence Resource Commission met in the middle of January
4 and we looked at the proposals we have in our Federal proposal
5 packet on the wolf and beaver season alignments. The SRC voted
6 against those proposals and I wanted to bring that forth.

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8 And under the -- yesterday we had a Koyukuk River
9 Advisory Committee meeting, and as Bill was saying, there was
10 many proposals on trapping and especially on snaring. Bill was
11 exactly right, there's -- many of those proposals are trying to
12 address this whole anti-snare campaign, and a lot of
13 misinformation has disseminated throughout that anti-snare
14 campaign. They don't have any idea about what they're talking
15 about. They seem to think that eagles and bears are getting
16 caught in these snares. I've never heard of anybody ever
17 catching an eagle in a wolf snare. A lot of those proposals
18 were to curtail methods that people -- well, I don't know
19 anybody that traps big game for bait, and that's what basically
20 a lot of those proposals in that State packet were to address.
21 Catching big game and using them as wolf bait. And that's
22 sickening to the subsistence users. And I don't know of
23 anybody that does that. But you know, that's where a lot of
24 these proposals -- so we sorted through a lot of those
25 proposals. We didn't have a real long meeting, we had kind of
26 a short meeting, time frame, but it was a joint Koyukuk and
27 Middle Yukon Advisory. And those -- in the Federal program I
28 feel that it's, you know, there was a proposal to check your
29 traps every 24 hours. There's -- under the Federal program
30 under the eight criteria, number three, economy of time and
31 effort is a real factor. And I think that the Regional
32 Councils should really track a lot of these Fish and Game --
33 ADF&G proposals. Because it's my opinion that the State
34 Legislature is going to keep goofing around and there will
35 continue to be a Federal program and there will have to be kind
36 of a dual management and a real understanding of all the
37 different avenue of proposals.

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39 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Ron.

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41 MR. SAM: Mr. Chairman. Yeah, thank you, Jack. I
42 missed that meeting. And just for your information I testified
43 before the State Board of Game a couple of years ago and this
44 is one of the most, in my mind -- or in my opinion, this is one
45 of the most effective, receptive and understanding Board of
46 Games that I have ever seen in existence. And they can tell
47 just by going through some of the proposals which don't fit and
48 will never pass so a lot of times they just throw it out by
49 themselves. As I said, this is a good State Board of Game to

50 work with. Very receptive, very understanding.

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1 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Vince.

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3 MR. MATHEWS: Mr. Chairman, due to overlapping
4 meetings, I'll have to have the Denali National Park and Gates
5 of the Arctic National Park and Staff here, they did submit
6 comments for these proposals. They weren't put in the book.
7 And my copies are in the Eastern Interior book at the office.
8 So when we start going through proposals, I would hope we would
9 encourage you, as members, to share those recommendations from
10 those different groups and the Staff. I just don't have them
11 here for Denali or for Gates of the Arctic. So we'll have to
12 get the Staff up and get it so you have all the information for
13 all members, what the local groups did, like the Subsistence
14 Resource Commissions, et cetera.

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16 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Anymore Regional Council member
17 reports? If not, we'll go on to Item number 9, customary and
18 traditional use determinations and season harvest limits,
19 proposals, review and recommendations.

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21 MR. MATHEWS: Mr. Chairman, I just need to briefly give
22 you the layout of how we think it might be good to present the
23 proposals and then give you -- get your input on it. so if you
24 look at under number 9.

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26 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Um-hum.

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28 MR. MATHEWS: Then we'll have to shift gears here a
29 little bit. I would introduce the proposal with an overhead.
30 Then it would go to Pete or George to give you biological
31 background and then we would have agency comments, summary of
32 written public comments I would handle, and the State would be
33 covering theirs. And then we'd have open public comments on
34 proposals. It's up to you in that order but it's also up to
35 you when you want -- how do you want to get the proposal on the
36 table, that's up to you.

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38 I think last round you guys passed a motion to adopt
39 the proposal or adopt the Staff recommendation and then we
40 started off. We stumbled a little bit at Eastern Interior so
41 I'm trying to prevent that. So it might be easier if you would
42 pass a motion to either adopt the proposal or adopt the Staff
43 recommendation and then we would go through these steps if
44 that's okay with you. That way we're consistent and we'll
45 develop a rhythm pretty quick.

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47 And the other reason we have this listing here is just
48 to make sure to you that -- this is also developing a good
49 tracking record, a good -- I'm not thinking the right term, a

50 good record of your actions. I will be encouraging you to do

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1 this, especially when we get into fisheries, a process has to
2 be really tight. You've been tight in your process, I'm not
3 saying you haven't. But you need to have on the record that
4 you touched all the different points, public comments, et
5 cetera, et cetera.

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7 So if that's agreeable with you, I just need to move
8 and we're ready to roll.

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10 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: What was the procedure that we went
11 through before; do you know Ray?

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13 MR. COLLINS: In some cases we have discussed them and
14 then made motions coming out of them. But I see where Vince is
15 coming from, this would work, too. The State Board and others
16 use that, they move -- it has to be a positive so you just move
17 to adopt. And then after the discussion if you don't like it
18 then you defeat the motion.

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20 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Okay.

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22 MR. MATHEWS: It's whatever you're comfortable with.
23 We can go either way, it's just.....

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25 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: I think what you recommend would be
26 appropriate.

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28 MR. MATHEWS: Okay. I need to move to another location
29 and we're going to start putting up overheads and can I make it
30 clear to all the members because I know you have a huge, huge
31 region, if you're not sure where the area we're talking about
32 we have overhead maps. There's maps throughout the room. You
33 know, if you need to look at what goes on in Carl's area, we
34 can put up an map and et cetera, so we're ready to help on
35 that.

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37 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Okay. While you're getting setup
38 we'll take a 10 minute break.

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40 (Off record)

41 (On record)

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43 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Okay. I'd like to call the meeting
44 back to order again. Mr. Mathews, you've got the floor.

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46 MR. MATHEWS: Like I said, I'll just introduce the
47 proposal and we'll go from there.

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49 Mr. Chairman, Proposal 64 is dealing with Unit 19,

50 black bear c&t determinations. And if for some reason if we

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1 get lost, in your little file, you know, for each one of you,
2 there is a table of contents that tells you what page the
3 analysis is on, but we're going to go in order in case we get
4 out of order.

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6 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: It's Tab Q, right?

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8 MR. MATHEWS: Tab Q in your book, the big thick one
9 there, the phone book. Also, if I'm in the way of your viewing
10 I'll move. When you look at Tab Q, the first page, you're
11 going to see these executive summaries on each page. All I did
12 was copy those on to these overheads and then add in
13 information if another Regional Council has met and has taken
14 action on it and, et cetera, so that's it.

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16 MR. REAKOFF: Mr. Chairman, I move to adopt this
17 proposal if this is.....

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19 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: There's a motion.....

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21 MR. REAKOFF:the process that we're going to
22 take?

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24 CHAIRMAN MORGAN:to adopt Proposal 64.

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26 MR. COLLINS: Second.

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28 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Second for discussion.

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30 MR. MATHEWS: Okay, now the Staff -- we'll just get in
31 a rhythm then that George or Pete would go ahead.

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33 MR. SHERROD: Mr. Chair and Council members I want to
34 stress at the beginning here that these are preliminary
35 conclusions. You know, they're open to change. We certainly
36 want your input. There's no way to think that what we've got
37 here on paper is set in stone or anything like that. It's
38 important to get the input from this body and from these other
39 people there. So when I'm reading this, there's no investment
40 in, shall we say, any final conclusions. They're subject to
41 change based on new information.

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43 All of the communities that we're going to be dealing
44 with in these c&t's are basically rural communities.
45 Communities that have existing c&t determinations for some
46 species or another. The big question I think that we're
47 dealing with here is where. So with the Chairman and Council's
48 approval, I'd like to try to abbreviate some of the
49 presentation as much as possible. You have the material there

50 to read in front of you. If we have questions, if something

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1 sticks in your throat or seems out of place we can go back and
2 go through it. But rather, we got -- I think 23 proposals to
3 get through, rather than waste a lot of time talking about
4 sharing and not that that's wasting time, but I think we can
5 sort of assume that these rural communities do share, I'll try
6 to get right to the crux of the issue, the conclusions, and
7 then if we need to go back we can.

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9 Proposal 64 and 65 were lumped together. They both
10 deal with black bear. Black bear in Unit 19. Currently there
11 is a no determination which by de facto means that any rural
12 resident in the State can harvest black bear in Unit 19.
13 Unfortunately there is no harvest reporting in Unit 19 for
14 black bear so to try to look at the ticket harvest data base or
15 whatever to find out who's actually using the resource doesn't
16 do us a whole heck of a lot of good, it's sort of an empty
17 thing.

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19 What I've done through this analysis is I've looked at
20 communities that have existing c&t determinations in Unit 19.
21 And minimally have tried to link the black bear determination
22 with other determinations under the belief that people
23 opportunistically take black bear. The quite frequently take
24 them when they're hunting caribou and moose. Minimally, I know
25 they probably take them other times, but this is the minimum
26 thing.

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28 So if we turn to Page 29, the conclusion, and this
29 would be to change the current no determination for Units 19(A)
30 and (B) to rural residents of Unit 18, within the Kuskokwim
31 River drainage system upstream from and including the Johnson
32 River and rural residents of Unit 19. The remainder of Unit 19
33 would remain a no determination open to all rural residents in
34 the State. The justification behind this, basically this
35 mirrors the existing moose determination for the area.

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37 MR. MATHEWS: Mr. Chairman, there are public comments.
38 There are also agency comments. And they're before you, the
39 Alaska Department of Fish and Game comments, so if they want to
40 add to them they'll come forward at that time. I won't go
41 through each Fish and Game comment. But I will give a summary
42 of the written comments. You had one from Mike Sallee of
43 Ketchikan. And he's just pointing out a fact that this
44 proposal draws attention to the need to clarify customary and
45 traditional, what it is and what extent c&t should be allowed
46 to evolve from technology.

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48 Those are the only written comments that I know of.
49 Now, we would see if there's any public comments or agency

50 comments.

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1 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Public comments. Agencies.

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3 MR. YOKEL: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Dave Yokel with
4 Bureau of Land Management. If the Council does support a c&t
5 determination for Unit 19 on black bear, I would ask that they
6 look at Lake Minchumina right outside of 19(D). It is not
7 included in the current proposal or the modification. There is
8 some Federal land managed by the Bureau of Land Management in
9 19(D) very close to Lake Minchumina.

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11 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: So if we left it to the existing
12 regulation that would include Lake Minchumina, if we change it
13 to what the proposed regulation, we'd have to add Lake
14 Minchumina. I wonder who else on that area along that border
15 of 19 that we're overlooking here that's not here and would
16 have to add.

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18 MR. SHERROD: Mr. Chair, I was going to -- Vince, were
19 you going to deal with the Eastern Interior's actions on this
20 one?

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22 MR. MATHEWS: The Eastern Interior didn't take this one
23 up.

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25 MR. SHERROD: Didn't we present this one to them?

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27 MR. MATHEWS: No, I don't believe we did.

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29 MR. SHERROD: I'm sorry, then.

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31 MR. MATHEWS: I can check real quick.

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33 MR. SHERROD: (C) and (D) is all rural residents, yes.
34 So this c&t determination only deals with Units (A) and (B).

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36 MR. MATHEWS: The Eastern Interior did not take up this
37 one.

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39 MR. SAM: What I'm looking at it says, Unit 19, it does
40 not specify (A) and (B), it specifies the whole area if I'm
41 looking at the right one, all of 19.

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43 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, 65 is the one that's more
44 restricted. So I propose that 19(A) and (B) would be in there,
45 that's why they're looking at them together. So the rest of 19
46 would be no determination. Like 19(C) and (D), I guess would
47 be no determination if we went with that one.

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49 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Um-hum.

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1 MR. SAM: And they kind of combined them. I guess the
2 Staff recommendation, as I understand it, would be finding that
3 the Akiak and them had use in 19(A) and (B), but not (D) and
4 (C) so (D) and (C) was dropped.

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6 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Right.

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8 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, are we ready for the Board
9 comments?

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11 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Yes.

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13 MR. COLLINS: Yeah, this is the one that the Denali
14 acted on and this was their motion up there that recommends
15 that the Federal Subsistence Board defer action on 64/65, leave
16 it as is, open all to rural residents. There's no biological
17 or subsistence reason to restrict use at this time. And so
18 we're saying, you know, why make a finding and have to try to
19 fine tune the borders when right now all rural residents can
20 use it. There's a long open season. So it seems like to make
21 the finding, in a way we're restricting use and we don't need
22 to at this time.....

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24 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: At this time.

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26 MR. COLLINS:for black bear. That kind of was
27 their feeling and I concur with that. And I don't know what
28 the feeling is from the Federal Board perspective. Is there a
29 feeling that we need to make findings at this time or are they
30 only responding to proposals? Are they trying to clean these
31 up or.....

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33 MS. MEEHAN: I can answer that. I think the Federal
34 Board is basically responding to proposals and it's really
35 looking to the Councils for Council input on dealing with the
36 c&t's. And so it's very much the recommendations that you end
37 up bringing to the table.

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39 MR. COLLINS: Okay.

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41 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Okay. Anymore Board comments.

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43 MR. REAKOFF: Mr. Chair. My personal feeling on this
44 proposal is that it should be deferred. I feel that, you know,
45 trying to define this species, c&t at this time is not really
46 necessary. People that come from outside of Unit 19 to hunt
47 may incidentally take black bear and fulfill their subsistence
48 requirements and may reduce moose or other animal harvest.

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At this time I feel that these c&t's should only be

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1 utilized really when there is a problem or closely foresee
2 problem. Black bear populations are relatively stable and
3 don't fluctuate like moose and bear populations so much -- I
4 mean like moose and caribou populations. So I feel these two
5 proposals should be deferred.

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7 MS. MEEHAN: If I could make a suggestion and this is a
8 procedural one and it's just for your consideration. If you
9 defer a proposal, that means we have to put it on the table
10 again next year.

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12 MR. REAKOFF: Right.

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14 MS. MEEHAN: So it would actually be better -- it's
15 easier, process wise if you vote it up or down.

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17 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Yes.

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19 MR. SAM: What about tabling the motion.....

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21 MS. MEEHAN: That would too.

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23 MR. SAM:just drop it completely. Mr. Chairman.

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25 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Go ahead, Sam.

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27 MR. SAM: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, we've gotten ourself into
28 some trouble or arguments over some of this c&t uses in trying
29 to fine tune it to certain areas. And we've gotten a lot of
30 flack off of it. Like Ray directly pointed out, that if it's
31 already open, you know, we can use it without changing it.
32 We'd probably be better off just tabling this, so if I just
33 table it, just drop it out from our.....

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35 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Some of these proposals would take --
36 I don't know, if we defer or.....

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38 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman.

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40 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Yes.

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42 MR. COLLINS: If we table it it means just that we're
43 not acting on it.

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45 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Um-hum.

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47 MR. COLLINS: It doesn't tell anything to the Federal
48 Board, do you see what I mean. So if we defeat it and then
49 state in there that there's no biological or subsistence reason

50 for -- that we recommend that they defeat the proposal because

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1 there's no biological or subsistence reasons at this time.

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3 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Could there be a clause here, either
4 written or by motion that in the event of a shortage, you know?

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6 MR. COLLINS: I see what you mean now.

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8 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Under the same proposal.

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10 MR. COLLINS: Yeah.

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12 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: This proposal then would only take in
13 effect only in the event of.

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15 MR. SHERROD: Mr. Chair, under the law basically if we
16 really reach a situation where there is a shortage and there's
17 not enough to go around to accommodate subsistence users,
18 that's when the 804 provision comes in. So there is a
19 provision.....

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21 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: There already is.

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23 MR. SHERROD:in law that basically can be
24 activated to accommodate the situation that you're describing.

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26 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Vince.

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28 MR. MATHEWS: And Mr. Chairman, you have a couple of
29 audiences that you're dealing with. Whatever you take on this
30 will be carried by the representative.....

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32 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Yes.

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34 MR. MATHEWS:of Y-K, plus Staff will be carrying
35 that forward. So I think Ray's right on track that defeating
36 or rejecting the proposal would be a better way of dealing with
37 it. Otherwise, tabling is indefinite. But then we would bring
38 it up back again some other time. I think it would be better
39 to go with that and then let the communities decide, because
40 it's an annual process, they can come back in, you know, with
41 another proposal or something.

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43 MR. SAM: So if we're looking for no further action, we
44 would just go ahead and defeat this measure?

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46 MR. MATHEWS: It sounds like that's the wishes of the
47 Council, yes.

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49 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: I kind of agree with defeating the

50 measure because there's already a provision under 808 that

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1 does.....

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3 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: 804.

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5 CHAIRMAN MORGAN:804 that will kick in if there
6 is a shortage.

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8 MR. COLLINS: Yes. As you can see on the top of 64, it
9 says, existing reg, no determination, means that it's open to
10 all rural residents.

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12 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Um-hum.

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14 MR. COLLINS: So defeating it would leave it right like
15 that so it's open to all.

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17 MR. REAKOFF: Mr. Chair.

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19 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Jack.

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21 MR. REAKOFF: This brings up a topic that I have
22 recognized that looking over the Federal Register publication
23 that the Federal program needs a Tier-II type of permitting
24 system for a case where there's a need. And I would -- you
25 know when we got to the Federal Register I was going to talk
26 about that, but I would bring that up at this time.

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28 I feel there's a need for, in place, a system if, in
29 case there is a sudden crash of a population and we need to
30 implement the 804 criteria, I was wondering if there is in
31 place a Tier-II type system or a tier system rather or is there
32 -- you know, I feel that it would expedite these in a time of
33 shortage to get down to the real subsistence users who really
34 need to use that resource. I'd like to ask the Staff, is there
35 a tier type system in place?

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37 MR. SHERROD: The 804 provisions, there's three factors
38 that are identified in the law. In our regulations, we do not
39 have a standardized mechanism for implementing this. And I
40 suppose to address your concerns, one of the things is, either
41 through your annual report or through a motion now is to
42 recommend that an 804 process be developed and that the
43 Councils have input into that development.

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45 MS. MEEHAN: The other thing that is in place is we do
46 have the capability to deal with special actions. And so if
47 there is a dramatic shift in wildlife population, conversely if
48 there's a dramatic need within a group of subsistence users,
49 there is the capability to act outside of the annual cycle to

50 deal with an immediate situation. And by way of example, we

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1 had a special action last fall for moose in Unit 17(A) in which
2 there was a special limited harvest opened up that was targeted
3 for Togiak and Twin Hills and we worked that cooperatively with
4 the State. But it was setup basically to take advantage of --
5 it wasn't exactly a Tier-II process, but that was the ultimate
6 result. And it was specifically to deal with an area that had
7 a shortage due to the poor fishing season and take advantage of
8 extra moose that happened to wander into 17(A) last fall.

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10 So we do have the capability within the system to deal
11 with these situations. It's a little bit awkward because we
12 don't have a formalized 804 process simply because we haven't
13 run into that situation very many times. But we can -- I was
14 going to say stumble through it, that's probably not an elegant
15 way to say it, but we can work our way through this.

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17 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Ron.

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19 MR. SAM: Yes. I would like to see the 804 provisions
20 -- and 804 provisions plus any actions that we need to take in
21 developing the need for these said provisions be put into
22 action or direct the Staff to put it in action. And back to
23 the tier stuff, I think that if we're really going to be
24 developing new tiers I think that would be detrimental to our
25 goals which is to go ahead and get unity with the State and the
26 Feds. Because this is going to be a good year to deal with
27 subsistence, it has to be dealt with sooner or later by the
28 State. And I think if we keep away from tiers at this time we
29 would be in a better position to get the subsistence bill
30 finalized one way or the other.

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32 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Any more comments? Vince.

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34 MR. MATHEWS: Well, I don't want to put words in Ron's
35 mouth, but it sounded like a motion.

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37 MR. COLLINS: We have a motion on the table before we
38 get too far out of order here.

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40 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: There is a motion.

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42 MR. MATHEWS: Oh, okay.

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44 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: And this motion, that's for 64 and
45 65?

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47 MR. REAKOFF: It's for 64.

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49 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: It was just for 64.

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1 MR. SHERROD: We did their analysis together. It has
2 to be a motion independently on each of these.

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4 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Okay. Any more discussion on
5 Proposal 64? Jack.

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7 MR. REAKOFF: I reiterate that I feel that these two
8 proposals, 64 and 65 should be defeated, but I also feel that a
9 provision for a decline should be worked on. But that's
10 peripheral to this so I call for the question.

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12 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Question's been called for. And
13 since this is a proposal, take a roll call vote please.

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15 MS. MEEHAN: Why don't you review what the motion is.

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17 MR. MATHEWS: Yes, the motion is to adopt Proposal 64
18 as written.

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20 MR. COLLINS: Right.

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22 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Um-hum.

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24 MR. COLLINS: So we just vote against.

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26 MR. MATHEWS: Let's see, William -- do you want a roll
27 call or do you want to just go by vote? Roll call.

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29 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Roll call or do you want to vote
30 unanimous?

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32 MR. COLLINS: You could have us raise our hands and
33 then you could see.

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35 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Okay. All in favor of Proposal 64,
36 signify by saying aye.

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38 (No aye responses)

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40 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: All opposed same sign.

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42 IN UNISON: Aye.

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44 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Proposal 64 is passed.

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46 MR. COLLINS: Defeated.

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48 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Defeated, excuse me. Okay. Proposal
49 65. We need a motion to accept?

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1 MR. SAM: So moved.

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3 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: There's a motion to accept Proposal
4 65, do I hear a second?

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6 MR. COLLINS: Second.

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8 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: It's been seconded. Any discussion.

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10 MR. SAM: So are we looking, Mr. Chairman, for the same
11 thing as 64?

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13 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Yes.

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15 MR. SAM: Existing regulations where it says, no
16 determination, all rural residents because at that this time I
17 think would be beneficial to our Western Interior Subsistence
18 Regional Council. So if we vote no again on this one we'd be
19 doing the same thing as we did on 64?

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21 MR. COLLINS: Yes.

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23 MR. SAM: So with that I call for the question.

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25 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Question's been called for. All in
26 favor of Proposal 65 signify by saying aye.

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28 (No aye responses)

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30 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: All opposed same sign.

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32 IN UNISON: Aye.

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34 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: 65 has failed.

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36 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman.

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38 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Ray.

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40 MR. COLLINS: I'd like in our minutes to reflect that
41 we took -- we defeated this because we feel there's no
42 biological or subsistence reason to act at this time.....

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44 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Yes.

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46 MR. COLLINS:and the existing regs -- so there
47 should be a statement in there of why we're voting down.

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49 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: And there is also a provision under

50 804, but that's.....

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1 MR. COLLINS: For emergency.....

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3 CHAIRMAN MORGAN:for emergencies.

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5 MR. COLLINS: Yeah, good. Is that clear, Vince.

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7 MR. MATHEWS: Yes. I know Rosa has it and we have the
8 transcript.

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10 MR. SAM: Yeah, I got a question for Rosa. What was
11 that provision again that we put into use in the emergencies?

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13 MS. MEEHAN: It's a special action. And it's a
14 provision within our regulations such that a Council or a
15 member of the public can submit a request to act on an
16 immediate issue. A little bit later on in the agenda I was
17 going to review the policy that we have for special actions and
18 also for requests for reconsideration.

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20 MR. SAM: Yeah. Could you get copies of all this to
21 all our Council members.

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23 MS. MEEHAN: It's in your book.

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25 MR. SAM: Okay. And if you do any work, Mr. Sherrod,
26 could you get all the correspondence out to the Council
27 members?

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29 MR. SHERROD: Yes.

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31 MR. SAM: Any work or any progress?

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33 MR. MATHEWS: You're referring to the 804 process?

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35 MR. SAM: Yes, I'd like to study it more.

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37 MR. MATHEWS: Okay. It's in the proposed rule. I
38 don't know right where at this moment but it is in there. So
39 maybe when we get to the proposed rule for fisheries, we'll
40 stop for a moment and point out the 804 -- it's not called 804
41 there, but it's in there.

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43 MR. SAM: Okay.

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45 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Okay, next proposal.

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47 MR. MATHEWS: That brings us up to the next proposal
48 which is Proposal 66 dealing with Unit 99 brown bear, customary
49 and traditional use determination. It's on Page 33 in your

50 book, under Tab Q.

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1 We're waiting for a motion. We're motionless people.

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3 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: We need a motion accept Proposal 66.

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5 MR. REAKOFF: So moved.

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7 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: There's a motion, is there a second.

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9 MS. DEMIENTIEFF: Second.

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11 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Second for discussion. Go ahead,

12 Vince.

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14 MR. SHERROD: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Motion -- I mean
15 Proposal 66 comes from Akiak and Akiachak similar to the
16 proposal we just had. There is a slight difference, this one
17 has to do with brown bear. And in this case it would actually
18 increase subsistence opportunity because we do have a
19 determination for (A) and (B). We also have determinations for
20 (C) and (D). The information available on bears is similar for
21 the black bear, brown bear, it's pretty much mixed.

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23 Again, the Staff recommendation is only for 19(A) and
24 (B) because it was believed that Kwethluk -- I mean that Akiak
25 and Akiachak did not travel beyond those units. If it took
26 bear it did not travel farther on up. The determination -- or
27 the suggested determination mirrors the existing determination
28 for moose which would be Units (A) and (B), rural residents of
29 Unit 18 within the Kuskokwim River drainage upstream from and
30 including the Johnson River and rural residents of Unit 19.

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32 MR. MATHEWS: Mr. Chairman, there was no written
33 comments. And Alaska Department of Fish and Game, if they have
34 comments, may want to share those. And then we'd see if there
35 were any public comments.

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37 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Any public comments. Any other
38 agency comments. From the Board.

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40 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, I'm not sure of the
41 procedure, I guess we would have to move to amend this then to
42 accommodate that since it talks about (A), (B), (C), and (D).
43 Is that what would be in order? We're looking at this proposal
44 so.....

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46 MR. SHERROD: You'd amend it to adopt the Staff
47 recommendation if you agree with that recommendation as opposed
48 to -- or the proposal as modified in the Staff recommendation.

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MR. COLLINS: But we've got a motion.

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1 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: We've got a motion and we're open for
2 discussion. I'm getting confused. I'm kind of getting
3 confused here, sorry. How does this change the existing?

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5 MR. SHERROD: How does it change the existing?

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7 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Yes.

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9 MR. SHERROD: The existing determination for Unit 19(A)
10 is.....

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12 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Okay, this opens it up more.

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14 MR. SHERROD: Right. Because of the lack of data, the
15 data that was available does suggest that brown bear like black
16 bear are taken opportunistically when they're taken at a
17 distance. So the Staff's recommendation is to mirror the
18 current moose determinations to allow people, while moose
19 hunting to take brown bear if they basically come across them.

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21 MR. SAM: Is this all it does?

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23 MR. SHERROD: Yeah.

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25 MR. SAM: I wasn't going to bring this up but see it's
26 quickly going in the new register. But coming back down in the
27 proposed change, it only includes Akiak, Akiachak.

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29 MR. SHERROD: I believe that -- and my geography could
30 be wrong, but I believe they would be included under the
31 Kuskokwim River drainage.

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33 MR. SAM: It's on the Staff recommendation?

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35 MR. SHERROD: That's the Staff recommendation. And if
36 I missed them -- do we have a map of Unit 18?

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38 MR. MATHEWS: Yeah, I have a map.

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40 MR. SHERROD: If I missed them, it certainly was an
41 oversight on my part because I wasn't intending to cut them
42 out.

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44 MR. MATHEWS: My understanding it would be in there.
45 And we do have a member from that Council that could clarify
46 that.

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48 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: I'd like to ask a question, Lake
49 Minchumina again would -- they would want to be included?

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1 MR. SHERROD: This would leave the existing
2 determinations for (C) and (D), which would basically effect
3 Lake Minchumina.

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5 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Ok, okay, good.

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7 MR. COLLINS: So in 19(C), there has been no priority
8 there so that would be open to all; is that right?

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10 MR. SHERROD: No. It would still remain no subsistence
11 priority.

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13 MR. COLLINS: Okay.

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15 MR. SHERROD: And the reason action wasn't taken on it
16 was because this came from Akiak and Akiachak and it was not
17 felt that they traveled that far up river to take brown bear.

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19 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: So to get back on track, a motion to
20 amend to.....

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22 MR. COLLINS: I wonder if that would be a motion to
23 replace with the Staff recommendation? If not we've got
24 to.....

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26 MR. MATHEWS: It might be easier just to ask the mover
27 of the motion and the second if they would agree to withdraw it
28 and then go with the Staff recommendation. Or you could go
29 into this amending process.

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31 MR. SAM: Okay.

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33 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Amending the motion? Go ahead.

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35 MS. MEEHAN: Another thing you could do is you could
36 simply defeat the motion you have on the table, make a new
37 motion.

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39 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Okay.

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41 MR. COLLINS: Call for the question.

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43 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Question's been called for on
44 Proposal 66. All in favor of Proposal 66 signify by saying
45 aye.

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47 (No aye responses)

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49 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: All opposed same sign.

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1 IN UNISON: Aye.

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3 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Okay, now we need.....

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5 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, I move to adopt the Staff
6 recommendation on Proposal 66.

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8 MR. SAM: Second.

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10 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: There's a motion to adopt Staff
11 recommendations on Proposal 66 and been seconded. Any
12 discussion.

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14 MR. SAM: Question.

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16 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Question's been called for. All in
17 favor of Staff recommendation on Proposal 66 signify by saying
18 aye.

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20 IN UNISON: Aye.

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22 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: All opposed same sign.

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24 (No opposing responses)

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26 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Staff recommendation on Proposal 66
27 has passed.

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29 MR. MATHEWS: The next proposal is Proposal 67 which
30 deals with Unit 19(A) and (B) caribou c&t determinations. We
31 would need a motion.

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33 MR. COLLINS: So moved.

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35 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: There's a motion to accept Proposal
36 67, do I hear a second?

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38 MR. REAKOFF: Second.

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40 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Second for discussion. Vince.

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42 MR. SHERROD: Mr. Chair, Proposal 67 and 68 were
43 analyzed together so I'll make one presentation. They both
44 deal with caribou in Unit 19. Proposal 67 was presented by
45 AVCP and it requested that all rural residents of Unit 18 be
46 included in the rural determination for caribou in Units 19(A)
47 and (B). 68, Proposal 68 was submitted by the Akiak and
48 Akiachak Village Councils. And it requested adding basically
49 those two villages to the current determination for (C) and (D)

50 and striking the winter season. Currently in 19(A) and (B) we

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1 have a winter season. Our winter c&t determination is
2 different than our fall determination.

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4 Again, there's very little information specific to
5 caribou harvest as in the case of black bears. Using the same
6 logic that I applied and based on the ethnographic information
7 available to me which suggested that there was a strong
8 correlation between moose hunting areas and seasons and caribou
9 hunting areas and seasons, at least, in the contemporary
10 setting. The Staff conclusion is to adopt a c&t determination
11 for only 19(A) and (B) again because Akiachak and Akiak
12 probably don't travel as far up to (C) and (D). And that
13 determination would be rural residents of Unit 18 within the
14 Kuskokwim River drainage system upstream from and including the
15 Johnson River and rural residents of Unit 19. And that mirrors
16 the existing moose c&t determination.

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18 MR. MATHEWS: Mr. Chairman, there was no written
19 comments. And the State comments are before you in writing or
20 if they want to share at this time.

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22 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Any State comments. Public. Go
23 ahead.

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25 MR. NICHOLIA: On these proposals towards caribou and I
26 believe it was brown bear, I'm talking on my own behalf and
27 what I heard from my tribal council members in the villages.
28 As I guess you all know we had to -- when they closed the
29 caribou they said that they had opened it for us when it got
30 plentiful, but we had a hard time opening it after we testified
31 to them and told them that our caribou are plenty now and how
32 could we get a few of them. And they kept denying us, ADF&G
33 kept denying us and we had to go to court. And people from
34 back home want on the proposal to read, as it is and residents
35 of Kwethluk and Unit 18.

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37 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: That's on the Kwethluk?

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39 MR. NICHOLIA: Yeah.

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41 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: That's on 18 anyway. The Kilbuk
42 herd's on Unit 18.

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44 MR. MATHEWS: I think the question that I'm hearing
45 here is does the description in the Staff conclusion include
46 your village when it says.....

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48 MR. NICHOLIA: Yes.

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MR. MATHEWS:Kuskokwim drainage upstream from and

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1 including the Johnson River. Does that include the village?

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3 MR. NICHOLIA: Yes.

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5 MR. MATHEWS: I don't have any personal knowledge on
6 the Kilbuk herd, so I don't know if I can -- I don't know if
7 other Staff do on that.

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9 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Have you done an analysis on the
10 Kilbuk?

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12 MR. SHERROD: No.

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14 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Anybody here?

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16 MR. SHERROD: Not in Unit 18. I suppose I could say
17 that the rationale behind not recommending it be all Unit 18
18 was again this -- and looking at the data and looking at the
19 hunting patterns that the mirroring the moose recommendation
20 would accommodate those people most likely -- those residents
21 of Unit 18 most likely to be hunting in 19(A) and (B).

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23 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Anymore questions.

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25 MR. NICHOLIA: I guess that's it.

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27 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Thank you.

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29 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman.

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31 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Ray.

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33 MR. COLLINS: I'm not sure I'm real clear on what the
34 Staff recommendation does now. I don't know if someone needs
35 to point out on the map, because I'm not familiar with all
36 these communities down there. Is there a way of visually
37 seeing what we're voting on here with the Staff recommendation?

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39 MR. MATHEWS: I'll need assistance from others to find
40 the Johnson River, if that's what you're saying on the Staff
41 recommendations.

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43 MR. SHERROD: I think it might be in our blue book,
44 let's.....

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46 MR. MATHEWS: I think we'd have to.....

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48 MS. MEEHAN: Well, actually it's not in the blue book.
49 I think it's marked on the -- I made you new maps.

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1 MR. SHERROD: Oh, that's right.

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3 MS. MEEHAN: And I think it's on one of those new maps.

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5 MR. MATHEWS: We do have maps, more maps. I don't have
6 an overhead, but you should have a map in your analysis, I
7 assume.

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9 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Could you show us where Johnson River
10 is?

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12 MR. MATHEWS: There's a marker here somewhere.

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14 MR. NICHOLIA: It's right here.

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16 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Right below Bethel. So that would
17 cover Bethel, Napakiak, Napaskiak, Kwethluk, all the way up.

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19 MR. NICHOLIA: There's three other communities on the
20 Johnson River.

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22 MR. MATHEWS: It might be easier for the record if Mr.
23 Nicholia comes up....

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25 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: I wonder where it says upstream from
26 Johnson River, does that mean upstream from the mouth?

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28 MR. SHERROD: It would upstream from and including, so
29 any communities on the Johnson River.

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31 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Any on the Johnson River?

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33 MR. SHERROD: And upstream from the mouth, yes.

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35 MR. JONES: Mr. Chair.

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37 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Benedict.

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39 MR. JONES: Question. Is this -- this caribou herd,
40 are we talking, are they western herds or local herds or are
41 they migration herds?

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43 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: This herd, I think he's talking about
44 is the Kilbuk and the Mulchatna.

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46 MR. SHERROD: Yes.

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48 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: And they stay basically in the area.

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MR. JONES: Oh, okay.

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1 MR. SAM: Yeah, if we adopted 67, would we
2 automatically kill 68 then?

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4 MR. SHERROD: No. I think you'd have to move on both
5 of them because 68 asks for c&t for the entire unit.

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7 MR. SAM: 67 asks for all residents of 18, but whereas
8 68 asks for a determination on Akiak and Akiachak.

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10 MR. SHERROD: Right.

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12 MR. MATHEWS: But 68 deals with (C) and (D) subunits.
13 And 67 only deals with (A) and (B).

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15 MR. SAM: Do we have a biologist in that area?

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17 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: We got a State biologist but I don't
18 think we've got a Federal.

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20 MR. MATHEWS: Yeah. There's a State biologist and
21 obviously there would be a Refuge biologist since it's mainly
22 refuge lands we're talking about. I'm seeing others shake
23 their head no, I don't think there's anyone present here.
24 Unless the State has some other communication.

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26 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Jacks is the one from up there.

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28 MR. MATHEWS: Well, the State written comment is there.

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30 MR. SAM: And they deferred on 68 and comments are
31 pending on 67. When's our Western -- I mean Federal
32 Subsistence Board meeting?

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34 MR. MATHEWS: The Federal Subsistence Board meeting
35 will be the first week in May. The Yukon Kuskokwim is meeting
36 next week. So that's the process.

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38 MR. REAKOFF: Mr. Chairman.

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40 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Jack.

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42 MR. REAKOFF: I have questions in my mind about what
43 the people in Unit 19, what about use of caribou, you know,
44 with the Mulchatna caribou being real large is that a real
45 problem for the residents of Unit 19, that would be somewhat
46 competing. And if at this time we allowed the c&t, if that
47 would be a problem in the future if there was a decline in that
48 caribou population if there was an 804 to go for the more --
49 the closest to the resource. That's one of the three criteria

50 of the 804. If that would supersede this c&t and if that would

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1 alleviate. You know, if there's lots of caribou it's better to
2 hunt them otherwise they just build up and crash off or go
3 somewhere else.

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5 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Yeah.

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7 MR. REAKOFF: And again, this points more to this 804
8 thing again if we go for this proposal.

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10 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Because right now the way the
11 hunting, the way it's being hunted in the Mulchatna herd, it's
12 open to everybody. We get a lot of hunters from the Yukon,
13 from Marshall, Russian Mission, Pilot Station, St. Marys, they
14 come over, and Holy Cross. I mean it's open. Again, I don't
15 know if I want to make a determination and make it more
16 restrictive to those people in 21(E), see. That's where I have
17 a problem with this when we come to these. We're being
18 restrictive to Holy Cross because Holy Cross is 60 miles from
19 Aniak and they just come right over there, 15, 20 minutes out
20 of Aniak and you got a caribou. So right now in 19 where I'm
21 coming from we have no problem with that, we see them -- and it
22 will be everyday now for awhile because the herd is so big.
23 It's -- we got an excess and we got to thin it out. And that's
24 how I want to -- I want to Angie, how would she feel if we
25 exclude her out of that and 21(E).

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27 MR. SHERROD: Well, Mr. Chair, right now, I was just
28 looking at the Federal and the State regulations, our seasons
29 are a bit more liberal in that they're longer. The bag limits
30 are the same. Currently anyone can hunt under that area. The
31 intent was not to exclude anyone in this. One move you might
32 want to take is to adopt the recommendation with the
33 modification that we include Holy Cross or some of these other
34 villages. If we miss somebody, they'll have a chance next year
35 to come up -- come around again and get -- because this is an
36 annual process. And you know, I don't like dealing with it
37 every year, either, but it's the nature of the game.

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39 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Yeah, that was my -- that just makes
40 more paperwork. If we can clear it up now let's clear it up
41 instead of keep coming back every year and we'll keep
42 increasing our paperwork load. If we can -- we see the problem
43 now, I think we should deal with it and include them.

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45 MS. DEMIENTIEFF: I'd like to include Holy Cross,
46 Anvik, Grayling and Shageluk.

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48 MR. SAM: And.....

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MS. DEMIENTIEFF: Yeah.

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1 MR. MATHEWS: Mr. Chairman, I understood what she was
2 saying there, it might be easier just to go with the subunit of
3 21(E) if that's.....

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5 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Subunit of 21(E)?

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7 MR. SHERROD: Um-hum.

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9 MR. MATHEWS: Because it covers that area.

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11 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Okay.

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13 MR. MATHEWS: It covers all four of those communities
14 and it's clear and then the reg books get a little lighter.

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16 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Yeah.

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18 MR. SAM: Do we need a motion to amend to that effect
19 then?

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21 MR. MATHEWS: The motion on the floor is to adopt the
22 proposal as written.

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24 MR. SAM: To adopt 67.

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26 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Um-hum.

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28 MR. SAM: And if we amend it to approve.....

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30 MR. MATHEWS: We're back in the same loop as we were
31 before, I think.

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33 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: So we can bring up another motion to
34 recommendations with subunit 21(E).

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36 MR. REAKOFF: Mr. Chair.

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38 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Jack.

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40 MR. REAKOFF: The way I understand the line that we're
41 going on this one is to adopt the Staff proposal with the
42 amendment for 21(E) inclusion.

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44 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Um-hum.

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46 MR. REAKOFF: And that's.....

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48 MR. SAM: Yes.

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MR. REAKOFF:that would be the amendment to this

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1 one.

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3 MR. SAM: Yes.

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5 MR. SAM: Okay. So if we just voted this one down and
6 then amend the Staff recommendation to include Subunit 21(E)?

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8 MR. SHERROD: Yes.

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10 MR. SAM: Okay, the question on this, we'll vote this
11 one down, um?

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13 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman.

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15 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Ray.

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17 MR. COLLINS: Yeah. I have no problem with defeating
18 this one and going on, but I think -- I have a little trouble
19 with the way we're going now because we were saying we were not
20 going to fine tune the others to include and the same comes up
21 on moose there, now we write all these in and we say they got a
22 caribou use, what about reciprocity, they're going to come back
23 and say, then moose should be open in that whole area -- all of
24 18; do you see what I mean? whereas, right now under the State
25 season, which is open, people can go over and hunt the
26 Mulchatna Herd, there is no problem with them doing that. But
27 if we start doing these customary and traditional, then we're
28 saying that they customarily and traditionally did that, so
29 what about when the Mulchatna Herd's gone and there's just the
30 few and the other, all of a sudden we've established customary
31 and traditional use for a huge area. So I'm not real
32 comfortable with the way we're going right here. But that's my
33 concern, I don't know if you others unders.....

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35 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Yeah, I understand where you're
36 coming from. That again comes back to the 804 issue and I
37 don't really know how to answer that question without knowing
38 the 804.

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40 MR. REAKOFF: Mr. Chair.

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42 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Jack.

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44 MR. REAKOFF: It's my understanding to have a
45 restrictive c&t right now on the caribou would preclude the
46 subsistence use by a especially 21(E) in Unit 19 on Federal
47 lands. But looking at the map there's not a lot of Federal
48 land there in that 19(A) and (B), just that one little corner
49 there.

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1 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Yeah.

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3 MR. REAKOFF: Basically that's all this proposal would
4 effect is down here by this big lake right here right on the
5 boundary. Although, if the caribou were there and people come
6 over from Holy Cross, they're probably over there in those
7 little hills, so.....

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9 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Yeah. There's some caribou on 18 --
10 on 21(E) that came over from 19, that's between Pike Lake and
11 Aniak. And then herds from, I'd say, right around Red Devil,
12 Crooked Creek, all the way down. It opens up another door, a
13 lot of questions.

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15 MR. MATHEWS: Mr. Chairman.....

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17 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: I'm kind of stumped.

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19 MR. MATHEWS:is it clear to all the members that
20 the Staff recommendation is that up from Johnson River and all
21 that, it's not all of Unit 18?

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23 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Yeah.

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25 MR. MATHEWS: Is that clear -- okay.

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27 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: 18 -- and I got to get back with
28 Angie, because we get them from -- like I was saying, you're
29 coming from Marshall and Russian Mission, see. Russian
30 Mission's not on the Johnson River it's on the Yukon and the
31 same as Marshall and Pilot, and they come over. It's a
32 constant thing, they come over all the time. Because from
33 Russian to Kalskag, that's only 60 miles on a snowmachine,
34 that's real quick. That's a quick trip.

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36 MR. SAM: Mr. Chairman.

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38 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Ron.

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40 MR. SAM: George, what's the State regulations on this
41 caribou herd?

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43 MR. SHERROD: You mean seasons?

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45 MR. SAM: Yeah.

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47 MR. SHERROD: The seasons, it's fairly complicated.
48 The seasons area a little bit more restrictive. We have a
49 couple longer seasons. The bag limits, however, are the same,

50 five caribou. So I'm trying to think -- let me look in the

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1 blue book, 19(A), north of Kuskokwim, we have a season that
2 runs 10 August to 30 September and then 1 November to February
3 28th. And then we have for 19(A), south of Kuskokwim, August 1
4 to April 15th. The State has (A) and (B) as altogether and
5 basically it's August 1 to April 15th. So it's a fairly long
6 season.

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8 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: It is a long season. And right now
9 it's not restricted. People know that, they use it, you know,
10 and they know when it's open. And there's one on the north
11 side, that's around the Horn mountains and hardly anybody goes
12 there. It's kind of a protected herd, it just stays there.

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14 MR. SAM: Do you have any recommendations on this
15 either way, because we could defer it too?

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17 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: I'd kind of like to see as the way it
18 is now because it's open to everybody. I mean it's open to all
19 the villages. And I don't think there's any problem. Nobody
20 has any problem with that, with the two Kalskags. Because they
21 come right through the Kalskags going over or they go through
22 Aniak. We have no problem with the way it is. I don't want to
23 get restrictive here.

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25 MR. SAM: Yeah, that's what I'm afraid of, too. And I
26 think it would behoove us to send someone down to that meeting,
27 the Y-K meeting and pickup more on this because as you know, it
28 will keep coming back and at this time I think our best move
29 would be just to defeat this measure right now. But have
30 someone attend the Y-K meeting if possible.

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32 MR. REAKOFF: Question.

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34 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Question's been called for on
35 Proposal 67. So if we defeat this we're going back to the same
36 old reg, right, and which would read.....

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38 MR. MATHEWS: Mr. Chairman, if you defeat it and maybe
39 the Staff could make sure I get this right, the existing c&t
40 would be for 19(A) and (B), rural residents of 19(A) and (B)
41 and residents of Kwethluk. In addition during the winter
42 season rural residents of 18 and the Kuskokwim drainage and
43 Kuskokwim bay, that would be the existing c&t if you defeat it.

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45 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: With Unit 21(D), I see would that be
46 -- because they're coming over under the State anyways. If we
47 do defeat it do we parallel the State reg?

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49 MR. MATHEWS: Well, the State.....

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1 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: I make a recommendation to parallel
2 the State, the same as.....

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4 MR. MATHEWS: The State says all Alaskans so I would
5 qualify to go. So there would be no parallel there. The
6 question of seasons has already been discussed of opportunity.

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8 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: So with that, with the proposal,
9 we'll add in 21(E), subunit 21(E), that would be a change so
10 we'd have to amend it.

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12 MR. MATHEWS: If there's an amendment, but now there's
13 not an amendment.

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15 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: It's not here. Anymore comments.
16 The question's been called for though, I know. I just want to
17 clarify on that.....

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19 MR. SAM: If we defeat it, all we're defeating is that
20 proposed.....

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22 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: This part.

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24 MR. SAM: Um-hum.

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26 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: But this still, we'll come right back
27 and this comes back in effect. So what I'm saying is we add in
28 here subunit 21(E), which will include the Holy Cross, Anvik,
29 Grayling, Shageluk because right now it's not here on the
30 existing proposal. It's not here.

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32 MR. MATHEWS: Correct. To my knowledge we don't have
33 any analysis of 21(E)'s use of 19.....

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35 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: They do.

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37 MR. MATHEWS:(A) and (B).

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39 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: They do come over from Holy Cross.

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41 MR. MATHEWS: But we have a representative.....

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43 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Well, I think my recommendation would
44 be to fail it and then come back with the modification.

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46 MR. SAM: To include?

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48 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: To include 21(E). And with that I'll
49 go with the question. Do we understand now?

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1 MR. COLLINS: I hear that but I guess personally I'd
2 have to oppose that because what we're saying by that is that
3 customary and traditionally Units of -- people from 21 went
4 clear over there and hunted caribou. They're doing it now
5 because the Mulchatna Herd is up and so on because it's the
6 same -- again, the same issue on moose that they have in 21. I
7 don't say how we can say that there is a new customary and
8 traditional unit there and then would say that they did not --
9 for instance 18 did not have customary and traditional use on
10 moose. We're opening that bag of worms. I think we're making
11 a statement that I don't know if we can back up with historical
12 data.

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14 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Yes, I understand where you're coming
15 from. But even at Aniak, Kalskag, Crooked Creek and those
16 places, we never had caribou until.....

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18 MR. COLLINS: Right.

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20 CHAIRMAN MORGAN:10 years ago. And on a miracle
21 of God these herds are going to spread and then therefore --
22 and that's where it's at. Until 10 years ago we didn't have
23 caribou either.

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25 MR. COLLINS: Yeah.

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27 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: If we did go for caribou it was a
28 long, long -- it was economically unfeasible. Ron.

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30 MR. SAM: Yes. I think that we're getting too
31 restrictive on our -- not only on ourselves, on our people, I
32 think that if we have resources there to supplement our
33 lifestyle, I think that we should be able to use it. And at
34 times we'll just have to throw out the c&t's.

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36 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Yeah. And at this time we're not
37 acting on moose or anything else, we're acting on the caribou.
38 It's a caribou issue.

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40 MR. SAM: Was there a question?

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42 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: There was a question called for. So
43 all in favor of Proposal 67 signify by saying aye.

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45 (No aye responses)

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47 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: All opposed same sign.

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49 IN UNISON: Aye.

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1 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Proposal 67 has failed. Do we have a
2 motion -- our new motion to include 21(E) on the existing
3 regulation.
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5 MR. SAM: Mr. Chairman, I move to adopt Proposal --
6 let's see how would we phrase that?
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8 MR. COLLINS: With the Staff recommendation with the
9 addition of 21(E), is that what you're.....
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11 MR. SAM: Okay. Is that the way we want it?
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13 MR. COLLINS: Well, I don't know.
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15 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: We're looking at we're going to adopt
16 the proposal -- I think the agreement was we will adopt
17 Proposal 67 with the proposed regulations but to include Unit
18 21(E) on the top, right? Because this is including all.....
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20 MR. SAM: No, what we were looking at -- I think what I
21 am looking at is to -- before we make any kind of motion, just
22 to -- under the proposal -- Western Interior recommendation
23 that we include subunit 21(E) under the existing proposal.
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25 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Yes.
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27 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, then I think maybe -- I'm
28 thinking of Robert's Rule, I think maybe we better move to
29 reconsider and bring that one up that was before us before and
30 then move to modify it, that's what we should have done. We've
31 already defeated 67, so it's off the table. Now, if we come
32 back to adopt it with changes, do you see what I mean?
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34 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Okay.
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36 MR. COLLINS: We've got two proposals.....
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38 MR. SAM: 67(A) -- yeah, I see exactly.
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40 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, I'll move that we
41 reconsider the vote on.....
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43 MR. SAM: Second.
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45 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Okay, a motion to reconsider and been
46 seconded. All in favor signify by saying aye.
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48 IN UNISON: Aye.
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50 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: All opposed same sign.

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1 (No opposing responses)

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3 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Okay.

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5 MR. SAM: Okay, take it from there Ray.

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7 MR. COLLINS: Yeah. Now, Mr. Chairman, with that
8 motion before us now you want -- somebody wants to modify it
9 they can move whatever that modification is that they want and
10 I'm not sure that.....

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12 MR. SAM: That's where we're stuck, I think.

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14 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Anyone want to make a motion to
15 modify Proposal 67 to include subunit 21(E).

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17 MR. DEACON: Could I see 21(E) on the map?

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19 MR. COLLINS: I don't know if I can.....

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21 MR. DEACON: What's the reason for the amendment here?

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23 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: To include them to have customary and
24 traditional use on caribou over in 19.

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26 MR. SAM: To give you a chance to hunt these.

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28 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Because right now I know Holy Cross
29 is going over there.

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31 MR. DEACON: I don't really understand that kind of
32 stuff there, we're hunting customary. Because I don't -- I
33 never thought anybody from that area go down river and hunt in
34 use areas under customary stuff, you know. Never did. We're
35 just kind of dreaming up a lot of stuff for the future
36 generations, vision stuff now. I think we should just leave it
37 the way it used to be and just hunt in our area instead of,
38 that's what I'm thinking. I'm speaking for my area. I don't
39 want everybody to come up there just so they can get caribou.

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41 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: But I know right now they're going
42 over to go hunting from Holy Cross.

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44 MR. DEACON: But there shouldn't be something that --
45 customary. That's not really -- if he can travel that far for
46 five caribou he must be pretty well off.

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48 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Yes, that's true. If you can travel
49 from the mouth, because the headwaters, you're pretty well off,

50 too, with a boat.

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1 MS. DEMIENTIEFF: Mr. Chair.

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3 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Angie.

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5 MS. DEMIENTIEFF: Way before we ever had a lot of moose
6 we did live off caribou. And then our caribou moved away from
7 us, but now they're slowly coming back to us, right below the
8 village there at Red Wing. They're crossing there. So I see
9 that in the future those caribou are coming back to us and
10 there have been reported sightings of them at Reindeer Lake.
11 And it's true some of our people did go over to Aniak area and
12 hunt some caribou because that was close than trying to track
13 them down way back in the hills behind reindeer in the deep
14 snow and the trail going to Aniak, it's only a three hour trip.
15 But traditionally we never did that, we hunted in our region.
16 And since we know now that history always repeats itself more
17 or less, we know that we're getting caribou back. So for Holy
18 Cross side, I would say not to be included in the c&t because
19 we're going to get our own herds back because they always come
20 back. Especially since maybe our moose will be declining again
21 since it goes in cycles.

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23 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Um-hum.

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25 MS. DEMIENTIEFF: So we were caribou eaters a long,
26 long time ago before we even had a moose in our mouth. So we
27 will be going back to that again and our herds will come back.

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29 MR. DERENDOFF: Mr. Chair, I have a problem with these
30 -- could someone clarify the name of the caribou herds and
31 their migration routes. Because being not from the area and
32 trying to decide on these, it makes it pretty difficult. So if
33 somebody could clarify the migration route and the name of the
34 caribou herds we're talking about.

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36 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Basically, let's see we got that
37 Kilbuk Herd that stays around -- right around here, right, the
38 Kilbuk? They stay about around here. And then you got the
39 Mulchatna and it moves around. Well, there's some that comes
40 across -- well, let's see there's Aniak -- you got 19.....

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42 MR. MATHEWS: 19, yeah, I don't know if they'll match
43 up but we'll.....

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45 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: And the Mulchatna, it's over in the
46 flats.

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48 MR. MATHEWS: I don't have an overhead of that.

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MR. DERENDOFF: Where is the Mulchatna Herd?

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1 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Yeah, from Stoney River down to --
2 I've seen them as far down as to Eek.

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4 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Going up to Lake Clark.

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6 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Um-hum, Lake Clark. They do -- and
7 then both sides of the Kuskokwim River. One side of the
8 Kuskokwim River there the caribou season was over on the north
9 side or on the south -- the north side it's still open. They
10 basically cover most of this area all the way down.

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12 MR. DERENDOFF: And what was that Kilbuk?

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14 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: The Kilbuk, right now they're
15 starting to intermingle with Kilbuk and mixing with Kilbuk,
16 right, the Mulchatna, and that's right around here.

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18 MR. DERENDOFF: Okay.

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20 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: And they were going over toward the
21 north side of the Kuskokwim, too. I agree, if you think you
22 don't need to include Holy Cross, but I would also -- in
23 defense of Russian Mission and Marshall and Pilot Station and
24 possibly St. Marys, I would want to include them. Because with
25 this proposal -- well, it does.

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27 MR. COLLINS: It does.

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29 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: It does.

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31 MR. COLLINS: Because Unit 18 is.....

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33 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: It does, Unit 18, yes.

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35 MR. COLLINS: Yeah, they're included.

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37 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: But I was just trying to make it open
38 for 21(E). If you feel not we'll just leave it the way it is.

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40 MR. SAM: Mr. Chairman.

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42 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Ron.

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44 MR. SAM: Mr. Chairman, and respective Staff members.
45 I just want to make a comment that at times we'll have to throw
46 out the c&t's. Again, I'm just going to reiterate that we are
47 a subsistence Council. And it's up to us to provide all
48 opportunities to our people to subsist off the land and animals
49 off the land as long as they're -- I mean I can't remember that

50 phrase, as long as they can renew themselves.

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1 And at times we'll have to throw out the c&ts and
2 approve use of our residents of these subsistence foods in all
3 areas. We have to give them an opportunity to subsist in
4 reality. That's why I don't like dealing with these c&t's,
5 they're too restrictive.

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7 MR. JONES: Mr. Chairman.

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9 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Benedict.

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11 MR. JONES: The area biologist report, what's the
12 population doing, increasing or stabilizing or declining?
13 What's the population there?

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15 MR. DeMATTEO: I'm not the biologist for that area,
16 he's not here. So I don't have any information in regards to
17 the population for that particular area for that particular
18 herd. Now, when talking about c&t we try not to make them herd
19 specific,. c&t is an area specific determination for particular
20 use by sets of people for a particular resource in that area.
21 But now when you're talking about the population then it breaks
22 down into specific herds, okay.

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24 So when I urge you, when you consider c&t, try not to
25 make the c&t determination herd wise, you're making it area
26 wise for certain sets of people. And try to stay away from the
27 herd determination. Does that make sense?

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29 MR. REAKOFF: Mr. Chair.

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31 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Jack.

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33 MR. REAKOFF: Benedict's basically asking what the
34 population of the Mulchatna -- it's a vastly increasing herd.
35 It's a real big herd of 200 and some thousand I think it is.

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37 MR. DeMATTEO: Yeah, Jack's right. The Mulchatna Herd,
38 I don't have the exact number off the top of my head, but it is
39 swallowing up the smaller herds at this time.

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41 MR. SHERROD: Mr. Chairman, I think that we've sort of
42 strayed a bit and I can appreciate the problems and troubles
43 with trying to deal with this c&t issue, it's a very complex
44 issue. We went through this in Eastern Interior as well. I
45 think that the thing that has to be remembered is that c&t
46 makes a determination or a cut or an allocation between rural
47 subsistence users before it does anything in terms of the non-
48 rural users. The law is fairly clear that there's rural and
49 then there's subsistence users. And what c&t does is make the

50 cut between rural users.

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1 I appreciate very much the opinions that that perhaps
2 shouldn't be done and we should include these communities that
3 are left out, but I think and at least in Eastern, we had a
4 fairly long discussion about the Council members philosophies
5 towards c&t and what they should do and then we went through
6 these. I'm picking up signals that perhaps some sort of
7 dialogue in that arena might be helpful here in terms of
8 actually saying, you know. I think, in fact, in Eastern
9 Interior they finally made a motion that basically -- well, it
10 was to the extent that the Board should revisit the whole
11 process, that they were dissatisfied with the way the outcomes
12 and what they were being forced to do in terms of dealing with
13 it. But I just -- I think maybe a little bit of dialogue
14 between the members about what they see c&t is accomplishing
15 might then move this forward because we've got several more of
16 these c&t ones to get through.

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18 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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20 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Yes. Under 67, I even -- I thought I
21 was going in one direction and I don't know where I'm at, you
22 know. We got repetitive and I wonder, maybe if we take a lunch
23 break and come back after lunch and then it might be very
24 simple.

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26 MR. SAM: we don't have a motion on the floor do we,
27 we're just under discussion.

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29 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: It's under discussion, yeah.

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31 MR. SAM: At this time I would like to include.....

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33 MR. COLLINS: No, we moved to reconsider so the
34 motion's back on the floor.

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36 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Yeah, we moved to reconsider.

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38 MR. COLLINS: The original one is back on the floor.

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40 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Um-hum.

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42 MR. SAM: Okay.

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44 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: You were going to say something?

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46 MR. SAM: No.

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48 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Ray.

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MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, I appreciate what Ron said

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1 and some of the others have said about the sharing of resources
2 when they're abundant. It's almost where we've got an opposite
3 situation. When we make a c&t we're restricting who can use it
4 under the Federal seasons. We almost need to be able to then
5 come in when a resource increases and be able to offer that to
6 other subsistence users.....

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8 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Um-hum.

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10 MR. COLLINS:outside the c&t. Because that's the
11 problem we're in in finding this. We're kind of looking at
12 philosophy here.

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14 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Yes.

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16 MR. COLLINS: We're saying, in times of shortage, who
17 had the most dependence on that and we're looking at the
18 historical record and we're trying to define it. But when that
19 doesn't exist and the resources are up, the resources were
20 shared. But there's no way to do that right now, I guess,
21 under the Federal because we've already restricted it so the
22 seasons only apply to those people.

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24 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Um-hum.

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26 MR. COLLINS: Is that right? Is there a way under the
27 emergency to extend it to other subsistence users?

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29 MR. SHERROD: Well, I would say that the Board and I
30 can't predict what they think have been fairly plastic in terms
31 of trying to accommodate different situations. And I would
32 think that, you know, they -- I would say they wouldn't hands
33 down disregard the logical of increasing opportunity if you
34 have the resource. And again, as I say, if you run into
35 problems you've always got the 804. So I think if it was well
36 articulated to the Board that the Board would probably give it
37 due consideration.

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39 MR. MATHEWS: And if I understand what Ray is saying
40 then when the herd is abundant you would expand your c&t's. I
41 suppose the question before the Council is is do you want to
42 have that -- you would have reoccurrence over time of
43 proposals, you would be constantly looking at c&t. And I heard
44 earlier, testimony from several of the members, I don't know if
45 it's feeling of the full Council that they want to just get
46 this settled now so we don't have to keep coming back. So if
47 you went with what Ray was saying, you'd just be repeating over
48 and over again at different times when the herd changed.

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MR. COLLINS: Right.

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1 MR. MATHEWS: So that's the only thing I would say.
2 It's whatever you want to do is fine. But that would be the
3 end result. And if I overrode somebody, I'm sorry.

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5 MR. REAKOFF: Mr. Chairman.

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7 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Jack.

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9 MR. REAKOFF: Well, this has been a problem with the
10 c&t's, that it's too -- it's pretty rigid. And once the
11 determinations are made it takes a long process to change. Of
12 course, the Regional Councils are always going to have to
13 address the dynamics of game population, that's just the way
14 the game populations fluctuate. I feel that there should be a
15 provision in the Board process to lift a c&t determination in a
16 time of abundance. There's provisions in the time of need and
17 in a time of abundance to go to all rural resident status if
18 the Council's feel that that's -- or that there's enough game
19 for more other people. I feel that this probably should be
20 addressed by the Board to lift the c&t temporarily by Council
21 recommendation and then reimplement it when those populations
22 decline again. Like when the rabbits are high you can use them
23 for dog food, when there's none you don't even shoot one.

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25 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Ron.

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27 MR. SAM: Yeah, that's been my point all morning. We
28 are a subsistence Board and we are trying to reassess these
29 proposals and regulations to accommodate our people. At times
30 we have to lift these c&t's because if our people don't use it,
31 outside people will use it -- use this caribou herd plus we do
32 have that 804 provision saying and emergency measures in place
33 -- I mean emergency regulations, stuff like that we can fall
34 back on and go back to our restrictive c&t's if we have to.
35 Because we are charged with providing our people with putting
36 meat on the table and that's why we keep calling on our
37 biologists. Because we're always looking at the sustainable
38 yield. That's the phrase that I was looking for earlier.

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40 MR. SHERROD: Mr. Chair, when the Eastern Interior
41 Council dealt with black bear, one solution that they came up
42 with, not in every case, but in some cases, given the fact that
43 the c&t determination, they didn't want to restrict users. So
44 they basically adopted a determination, it was basically Unit X
45 and all bordering subunits. And the justification was -- I
46 mean that proximity wise, that you're dealing with people that
47 probably, if they travel much farther than that then it would
48 be debatable whether it was subsistence. That, you know, it
49 did not cut out in adjoining subunits and that was one of the

50 mechanisms that they dealt with black bear. And they did that

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1 on a number of proposals. And in our discussion, I basically
2 told them that I could probably write some generic language
3 about efficiency, distance traveled and so on that could be put
4 that would justify -- or lend strength and logic to that
5 decision.

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7 It might be, in this case, when you're talking about as
8 you say, a resource that is abundant, that perhaps that would
9 be a proposal to put forward for modified c&t that this Board
10 would like to put forward. It's not totally arbitrary because
11 you're not saying somebody from Barrow can come down there. It
12 is potentially restrictive, but probably not to any great
13 extent. You're probably not going to harm any user with that
14 type of determination.

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16 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Ray.

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18 MR. COLLINS: Yeah. Just remind yourself the current
19 situation, we're in dual management and that's probably going
20 to be -- unless the State makes a move, we're going to be in
21 dual management. And so in that case when there's abundance,
22 the State seasons usually expand as they are right now and
23 people are able to hunt those caribou under the State season.
24 So maybe we need to remember that that's another mechanism too
25 and it's already in play.

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27 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Um-hum.

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29 MR. COLLINS: And not try to -- I mean we don't need to
30 try to make everything fit the subsistence regs in those cases.
31 I don't know, just a comment.

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33 MR. MATHEWS: Now, to finish out what Eastern Interior
34 did, they're going to include that in their annual report and
35 they're requesting the Board to look at alternate means of c&t
36 determination, including region wide determinations and
37 including a whole 'nother recognition -- way of recognition of
38 c&t uses. Their discussion was that many of the proposals they
39 dealt with was that the communities wanted recognition for
40 their c&t use, not cut out others. So they wanted the Board to
41 look at other means of recognition. There was a -- not a
42 flurry, but there was several ideas on that that the Board
43 would recognize either through resolution or something else and
44 that there would be this book of recognition by the Board and
45 then when you got into a population situation, that book would
46 be used. So it's similar to this lifting and applying. But I
47 do caution you, none of that's in our structure now to do that.
48 And you will be looking at the structure, under fisheries, but
49 you're looking at it at the same time, proposals, so just to

50 make it clear to you there is no structure to do it.

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1 And there was a suggestion at Eastern and I -- George
2 has kind of mentioned it so I'll maybe mention it again of
3 setting up, I don't know if task force is the term to look at
4 c&ts in general. But we've done that in the past where we've
5 had representatives, I believe Ray was on that and quite a few
6 others on designated hunter and that there may be that way of
7 -- that's another one. Again, that doesn't address the
8 proposals that are before you right now. It doesn't address
9 the concerns of hunting in certain areas by other qualified
10 rural residents, so.....

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12 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Jack.

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14 MR. REAKOFF: Mr. Chair, basically this goes to this
15 use tier system. You know it goes to when there's a lot of
16 something then a c&t should be waived to maybe the adjoining
17 units or something. I'm not opposed to c&t normally under
18 ordinary circumstances, but there has to be certain uses of
19 those resources to provide for the subsistence users closest to
20 the resource and then the 804 is when it gets really tight. So
21 I think that the Eastern and Western are both -- have
22 identified an issue with -- like their black bear and this
23 caribou is a tight situation.

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25 Basically what I'm hearing here is we really don't want
26 to change this current c&t. There's an opportunity provided
27 under the vast State lands within Unit 19(A) and (B) and
28 there's really not the need for this Proposal 67 at this time
29 and I call for the question.

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31 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Question's been called for. So we're
32 back to the original Proposal 67. Vote yea or nay on it,
33 right?

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35 MR. COLLINS: And that is -- if I understand, it's
36 really to add Unit 18 to it.

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38 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: It's already there.

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40 MR. COLLINS: No, it's not there.

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42 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Oh, no it's not.

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44 MR. COLLINS: No, it's not, that's the proposal is to
45 add -- the modification is to strike Kwethluk and that other
46 sentence out and -- it's on Page 53 and add Unit 18. And the
47 Staff suggested that we modify that by restricting it to the
48 ones upstream from the Johnson River, that we not go with all
49 of 18, but that we go with that proposal.

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1 I would move that we make that modification before we
2 vote -- that we cut it -- not -- that we substitute, up river
3 from Johnson River instead of all of Unit 18.

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5 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Yes. And I also would like to
6 include in that modification St. Marys, Marshall and Russian
7 River on the Yukon because.....

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9 MR. COLLINS: Okay, I'll move that with that if you
10 want to.

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12 MR. SAM: Second.

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14 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: It's been seconded. Now, was
15 somebody taking the minutes? Could they reread that motion?

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17 MS. MEEHAN: What I've got is modify Proposal 67 to
18 match the Staff analysis and include Marshall, St. Mary
19 and.....

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21 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Russian Mission.

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23 MS. MEEHAN:Russian Mission.

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25 MR. SAM: Question.

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27 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Question's been called for. All in
28 favor of Proposal 67 with modifications signify by saying aye.

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30 IN UNISON: Aye.

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32 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: All opposed same sign.

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34 (No opposing responses)

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36 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Proposal 67 has been passed with
37 modifications. At this time I think it would be in order to go
38 to lunch, have a lunch break.

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40 MR. SAM: Yeah, just a second. I'd like to introduce
41 my friend Ida Hildebrand. Who are you working for now?

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43 MS. HILDEBRAND: Bureau of Indian Affairs. Staff
44 Committee Member for Niles Cesar, Board Member.

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46 MR. SAM: We appreciate your presence here. And we
47 recognize Tom Boyd.

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49 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Who else came in that we -- and your

50 name is?

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1 MS. TATE: My name is Phyllis Tate, I'm from Lake
2 Minchumina and candidate and I wanted to see what was going on.

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4 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Great.

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6 MR. SAM: We could have used you a half an hour ago.

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8 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Well, we've got through four
9 proposals, how many more are there?

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11 MR. MATHEWS: Well, Mr. Chairman, I think the
12 discussion has set the tone. I'm not concerned and I don't
13 think the Staff is with time on this because you've gotten the
14 basics out of the way and I think they're going to move with --
15 there was no, in my opinion, no waste of time, this needed to
16 be aired.

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18 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Okay.

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20 MR. SAM: I think we needed that.

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22 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Okay. At this time I'd like to break
23 for lunch and be back at 1:30.

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25 (Off record)

26 (On record)

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28 MR. MATHEWS: Mr. Chairman, you mentioned to me during
29 break that the last motion that you took that you also
30 overlooked a community, maybe it'd be this time to bring up
31 that community so everyone's clear what you're talking about.
32 This is not it.

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34 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: No, on that last motion I overlooked
35 one community on the Yukon which was Pilot Station. I looked
36 at the map and it wasn't there so I just mentally blocked it
37 out. So for the record, I'd like to insert Pilot Station.

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39 MR. MATHEWS: I think everyone agrees to that then?

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41 MR. SAM: No objection.

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43 MR. MATHEWS: It was just an oversight. The map that
44 was up there doesn't show most of the communities.

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46 Okay. That brings us up, if we're at that time to the
47 next proposal. I think it was kind of discussed during lunch
48 that it might be better just to wait to the motions until after
49 Staff presents. We were doing fun there.

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1 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Okay.

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3 MR. MATHEWS: So just for those, what it will be is
4 we'll present the material and then after that there will be a
5 motion. The next proposal is 68. It's caribou again in Unit
6 19. And I suppose based on your action on 67, I'm not sure
7 what we have to do with this.

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9 MR. SHERROD: It would be advisable -- it would be
10 logical and consistent to bring it up and vote it down given
11 your action you took on 67.

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13 MR. SAM: Move to adopt Proposal 68.

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15 MR. REAKOFF: Second that.

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17 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: There's a motion to adopt Proposal 68
18 and seconded. Discussion. Any discussion on 68? Ron.

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20 MR. SAM: I think, Mr. Chairman, I think George said it
21 right that we took all the action necessary by adopting 67 as
22 revised. Is that the gist of it, George?

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24 MR. SHERROD: Yes. This dealt with the same species, I
25 made the presentations together and given your action on the
26 last one it would seem logical just to bring it up and vote it
27 down. This proposal basically wanted to add the communities of
28 Akiak and Akiachak to the existing c&t.

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30 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Anymore questions on Proposal 68? If
31 not, all in favor of Proposal 68 signify by saying aye.

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33 (No aye responses)

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35 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: All opposed same sign.

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37 IN UNISON: Aye.

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39 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: 68 has been rejected.

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41 MR. MATHEWS: Mr. Chairman, that brings us up to
42 Proposal 49. The analysis for Proposal 49 is in your folder
43 and George will -- then probably Pete will be dealing with,
44 sorry. This is a proposal dealing with Units 9, 17, 17(B)
45 dealing with salvage requirements so you'll need to look at the
46 analysis. The analysis is in your yellow folder and should be
47 about the first one back in.

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49 MR. DeMATTEO: Mr. Chair, Proposal 49 was submitted by

50 the Bristol Bay Regional Advisory Council and it would require

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1 that all edible meat harvested from a caribou and/or moose in
2 Units 19, 17 and 19(B) must remain on the bones until the meat
3 has been removed from the area or has been processed for human
4 consumption.

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6 The proposal is basically an attempt to reduce the
7 amount of wanton waste and spoilage of caribou and moose meat
8 that is presently occurring in Western Alaska, primarily the
9 Bristol Bay region. The Staff recommendation is that the
10 proposal be modified to read that all edible meat harvested
11 from caribou and moose in Unit 17, subunit 9(B) must remain on
12 the bones of the front quarters and hindquarters and ribs until
13 moved from the area or is processed for human consumption. The
14 Staff recommendation is to support the proposal with the
15 modification.

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17 MR. SAM: What is that modification again?

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19 MR. DeMATTEO: It would read that all edible meat
20 harvested from caribou and moose in Unit 17 and subunit 9(B)
21 must remain on the bones of the front quarters and hindquarters
22 and ribs until removed from the area or is processed for human
23 consumption.

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25 MR. SAM: Mr. Chairman.

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27 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Ron.

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29 MR. SAM: Yeah. This pretty much brings us in line to
30 the State requirements, doesn't it?

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32 MR. DeMATTEO: Correct. The State passed similar
33 action in 1997.

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35 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Ron.

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37 MR. SAM: Mr. Chairman, I move to adopt Proposal 49
38 with modifications to fall in line with the State requirements.

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40 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: There's a motion to adopt Proposal 49
41 with modifications to fall in line with the State regs. Do I
42 hear a second?

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44 MR. REAKOFF: Second.

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46 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Second by Jack. Any discussion.

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48 MR. REAKOFF: Mr. Chairman.

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CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Jack.

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1 MR. REAKOFF: This proposal comes -- stems from the way
2 the meat regulations are on the Lower Koyukuk. And that -- we
3 heard testimony by ADF&G biologists that it makes it extremely
4 efficient for enforcement to see that the meat is being taken
5 out of the field. It also -- the area biologist also noted
6 that hunters that had to leave the meat on the bone were
7 surprised that their meat was in a lot better condition than if
8 they would have boned it. This regulation is very appropriate
9 for -- especially for moose.

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11 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman.

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13 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Ray.

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15 MR. COLLINS: I concur with that. We have proposals
16 even into the State to expand that in our area for that very
17 reason. We have somebody that's cutting meat professionally in
18 McGrath when people bring it in there. The stuff that's off
19 the bone, half of it or more is wasted. But when it's on the
20 bone, even though the outside sours, it will be sweet inside,
21 there's much less loss when it's left on the bone.

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23 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Anymore discussion. Vince.

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25 MR. MATHEWS: Just to maintain a good record, not to
26 slow you down, we failed to give you the written comments. The
27 State, if they want to share are present. Akiak, Akiachak
28 Subsistence Resource Commission supports it. The Naknek -- I'm
29 not going to pronounce it right, it's the Naknek Fish and Game
30 Advisory Committee does not support it. And Mike Sallee of
31 Ketchikan just commented on it. So you have one of the local
32 advisory committees does not support it. The Subsistence
33 Resource Commission supports it. And I don't know if the State
34 or other agencies have anything.

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36 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Okay.

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38 MR. MATHEWS: Just so you have a record -- I know you
39 have it in front of you, but then the record reflects that
40 you've been made aware of the comments.

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42 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Any other organizations? Anymore
43 questions on that Proposal 49?

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45 MR. SAM: Question.

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47 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Question's been called for. All in
48 favor of Proposal 49 signify by saying aye.

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1 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: All opposed same sign.

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3 (No opposing responses)

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5 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Proposal 49 is passed.

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7 MR. MATHEWS: Mr. Chairman, let the record reflect that
8 it meant that as modified.

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10 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: As modified, yes.

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12 MR. MATHEWS: Thank you.

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14 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: It should be reflected in the
15 proposal.

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17 MR. MATHEWS: Just so it's clear. You guys are getting
18 ahead of me. Proposal 76 deals with Unit 19 moose dealing with
19 seasons and I believe Pete will be discussing Proposal 76.

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21 MR. DeMATTEO: Proposal 76 was submitted by the Western
22 Interior Advisory Council, and this would adopt the State moose
23 season for Unit 19(C), January 15th through February 15, one
24 bull by State registration permit.

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26 The existing Federal moose season for 19(C) is more
27 restrictive of that than the current State regulations. The
28 Federal season, currently for 19(C) is September 1 through
29 October 10th. By adopting this -- or supporting this proposal,
30 you would line up with the State's winter season of January 15
31 through February 15. And by aligning the State and Federal
32 seasons for the winter hunt you would make it less confusing
33 for the user as State and Federal jurisdiction boundaries would
34 be eliminated -- or making the determination for those
35 boundaries would be eliminated.

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37 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Ron.

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39 MR. SAM: Mr. Chairman, I move to adopt Proposal 76.

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41 MR. DEACON: Second.

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43 MR. MATHEWS: Mr. Chairman, comments that you received,
44 obviously the State, if they would like. And Mike Sallee of
45 Ketchikan again, said it seems like having both the State and
46 Federal management has needlessly doubled the management
47 bureaucracy. That's the only comments that we've received.

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49 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: We have a motion to adopt Proposal

50 76, do I hear second?

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1 MR. COLLINS: Henry seconded it.

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3 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Oh, Henry seconded the motion.

4 Any more discussion on 76?

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6 MR. TWITCHELL: Hollis Twitchell with Denali National
7 Park. I just want to point out that portions of 19(C) extend
8 into Denali National Park on the far western side and that we
9 would have concern that eligible people be the ones receiving
10 the permits for anyone who would be hunting in that area of the
11 Park. So I guess I have more of a question than a statement
12 is, would the State of Alaska be the entity issuing these
13 registration permits or would this become the Federal
14 registration permit in which case, would the Park then be
15 issuing those permits? I'll just point out that we do Federal
16 registration permits in Units 13 and 16(B) under the Federal
17 program and as an agency we issue permits for the eligible
18 people in those areas. I'm not sure how this proposal is
19 intending to handle any registration permit system for Park
20 lands on the western side. See where that dark black hash area
21 is pointing in towards the blue area, that would be National
22 Park lands in 19(C).

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24 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Jack.

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26 MR. REAKOFF: Mr. Chairman, there's a limitation on
27 eligibility for access into the Park lands in place under any
28 State administrated hunt. If it's a permit, those eligibility
29 restrictions would be in place anyways. Like we have a moose
30 season in March and some of that moose season, it applies to
31 the Park and some is out of the Park but we still use the same
32 moose tag. We don't feel that with the few subsistence
33 eligible people, it would be a real problem for the State to
34 administer the hunt. The eligibility requirements are always
35 in place whether it's just sheep season in and out of the Park
36 overlap and the bag limits overlap with the State, the
37 eligibility is still in place. So I don't feel that Federal
38 permit is the -- the cost of a Federal permit is warranted
39 myself.

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41 MR. TWITCHELL: It could be accomplished by some
42 language on the State permit acknowledging that anyone
43 intending to hunt up in the Park areas of 19(C) need to be
44 eligible subsistence users and some recognition to that
45 respect.

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47 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Um-hum.

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49 MR. SAM: Do you see any place that we have to change

50 this?

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1 MR. TWITCHELL: As far as the Park's concerned, just so
2 that there is some sort of recognition those Park lands require
3 Park Service eligibility for subsistence users.

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5 MS. MEEHAN: Specifically, I think this is the type of
6 thing that we can -- will catch administratively.

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8 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Um-hum.

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10 MS. MEEHAN: Because we have an awful lot of hunts
11 where we do cooperate with the State and use the State
12 registration permits.

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14 MR. SAM: So we'll go ahead and adopt this and just no
15 foreseen problems and.....

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17 MS. MEEHAN: Correct. And we've got the notes on the
18 Park concern.

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20 MR. SAM: Okay, great. And that was for the record.

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22 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Anymore questions on Proposal 76? If
23 not, all in favor of Proposal 76 signify by saying aye.

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25 IN UNISON: Aye.

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27 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: All opposed same sign.

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29 (No opposing responses)

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31 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Proposal 76 is passed.

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33 MR. MATHEWS: Okay, the next proposal is 79 and similar
34 to other ones, it's aligning the State season for beaver in 19
35 and Pete will be covering that.

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37 MR. DeMATTEO: Proposal 79 again was submitted by the
38 Western Interior Advisory Council and this would change the
39 current Federal trapping season for beaver in Unit 19 from
40 November 1 through April 15 to match the State's November 1
41 through June 10 season.

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43 The existing Federal beaver trapping season for Unit 19
44 is more restrictive than the current State season by a total of
45 56 days. Considering the amount of harvest of beaver these
46 days would not impact the population, those are considered to
47 be up right now in that unit and Staff recommends that the
48 proposal be adopted.

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CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Is there a motion to adopt Proposal

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1 79?

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3 MR. SAM: So moved.

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5 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: There's a motion to adopt Proposal
6 79, do I hear a second?

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8 MR. COLLINS: Second for discussion.

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10 MR. REAKOFF: Mr. Chair.

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12 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Jack.

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14 MR. REAKOFF: This is our proposal that we asked for to
15 try to align the State and Federal seasons. This is -- I
16 forget what the other proposals are, but there is also for Unit
17 20, 21 and 24?

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19 MR. DeMATTEO: 19, 21 and 24 for wolf and beaver.

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21 MR. REAKOFF: Yeah, the wolf and beaver one. So
22 there's this beaver proposal effects the whole region.

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24 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Um-hum.

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26 MR. REAKOFF: At the Subsistence Resource Commission
27 level we discussed this proposal and this proposal, this beaver
28 season extension was voted down. The reason was because
29 females have kits in the middle of May. And it was the
30 Commission's feeling, at least for the Gates of the Arctic Park
31 is that killing female beaver that late in the year would kill
32 the kits and under the ANILCA law, you know, subsistence for
33 non-wasteful consumptive use, so waste it, the kits was the
34 main concern with this proposal.

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36 You know I don't really have a problem with somebody
37 harvesting beaver that late, but you know, killing the female
38 that's got kits in the house, that's a pretty bad thing, you
39 know. So that's the problems we had with this proposal, that
40 was identified.

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42 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Anymore discussion on this proposal,
43 79.

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45 MR. DEACON: Mr. Chairman.

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47 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Henry.

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49 MR. DEACON: I'm the same as Jack there, I don't like

50 to where it's June 10th, you know. Most beavers have a lot of

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1 young ones in May. Who would dream up this law that's got to
2 be like that; is that local people or State people?

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4 MS. MEEHAN: Henry, you got to pull the mic to you
5 because we can't hear you.

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7 MR. DEACON: Yeah. Anyway, could we amend that to May
8 1st or something for the reason because those beavers do have
9 young ones, you know? I'd like to file that to amend it to May
10 1st. Nobody wants to hunt in June it's too hot.

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12 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Anymore discussion on Proposal 79?

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14 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman.

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16 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Ray.

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18 MR. COLLINS: Well, MR. Chairman, in answer to Henry's
19 question, the State extended the season because the population
20 was up in 19. So what you've got is on Federal -- well, I
21 guess actually since the State law applies to all, it's open on
22 all; isn't that right?

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24 MR. MATHEWS: That's correct.

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26 MR. COLLINS: So whatever action we take, it won't
27 change it, there will be a season to the 10th under State regs.
28 It was just a matter of lining them up. So if you wanted it
29 changed you'd have to make a proposal to the State that they
30 cut the season back, that's a way of getting it restricted.

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32 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Go through the State process.

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34 MR. COLLINS: Yeah.

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36 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Pete.

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38 MR. DeMATTEO: I understand that these proposals that
39 deal with expanding the seasons for beaver and wolf trapping,
40 okay, in Units 19, 21, 24, they line up with the State. So any
41 existing harvest going on right now is already happening under
42 the State. So we'd be lining up with that season. So no
43 additional harvest is perceived, if you're thinking -- since
44 anyone that is trapping right now is doing it under State
45 regulations. So considering Jack and Henry's comments about
46 killing of young, and you identified that, that's already
47 happening under State regulations. But adopting this proposal
48 certainly would not increase the amount of harvest.

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1 MR. SAM: Yes. I feel that we're overpopulated with
2 beaver and wolves. And I know for a fact that no one really
3 goes out and tries to harvest beaver after a certain date.
4 Most people quit trapping mid-April and I don't see anyone
5 going out there and shooting beaver. I think that people are
6 naturally conservationists to some extent, and I see no
7 reason for cutting down on the season for both beaver or wolf.
8 We are being overrun by wolf and beaver in our area. One is a
9 predator and one is a rodent, more or less, it can proliferate
10 real fast. So I don't see any need for any changes from that
11 November 1 to June 10th.

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13 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: I do agree with what Ron said.
14 Because right now in some of the streams that we got there now,
15 in fact, what they're doing is they're hurting the spawning,
16 they're damming. You know, we got a lot of problems with the
17 beaver issue. Nobody's trapping. There's no market for it.
18 It cost more to go hunt -- go trap them than it does to -- I
19 mean you got to catch a lot and right now nobody -- there's no
20 initiative for anybody to go out. I think most people that do
21 go out.....

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23 MR. SAM: Personal use.

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25 CHAIRMAN MORGAN:for personal use and human
26 consumption. And for the fur hats and handicraft. But it's
27 just not that big. I know at home it's only -- maybe they'll
28 probably quit hunting them in April -- the middle part of April
29 because it's getting too dangerous to go around with
30 snowmachines. They do a little shooting, but they're done in
31 April.

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33 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman.

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35 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Ray.

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37 MR. COLLINS: And the McGrath Fish and Game Advisory
38 discussed this because it is in the area there and we go along
39 with the State season. I would go for the extension, too,
40 because -- in fact I wasn't even aware that it had gone to June
41 10. And when we got to discussing, there was a few people that
42 went out last spring and they did harvest them -- you can shoot
43 them under the spring there, but it was for personal use. They
44 wanted -- they ate the meat and then they used the skin for
45 hats or gloves or whatever.

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47 And as you mentioned we're getting ecological change.
48 Some of the people mentioned around the villages there that
49 white fish can't get in some of the lakes now, the beavers got

50 them dammed up so that we're losing some of our fish resources

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1 because there are so many beaver. They're changing the
2 environment. So an extended harvest, I don't think will hurt
3 either the beaver or the other -- and may actually help in this
4 area.

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6 MR. REAKOFF: Mr. Chairman.

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8 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Jack.

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10 MR. REAKOFF: I have no problem with the additional
11 harvest, that's not what I'm talking about. I'm talking about
12 killing the mother and letting the kits die. If there was some
13 -- you know, it's my opinion that the mothers stays real close
14 to the house when she has those kits. If there was a
15 restriction on killing a beaver within a hundred yards of the
16 house or something to protect the mother after May 15th, you
17 know. I don't like to see the kits die starving. That's what
18 my main concern is.

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20 A harvest up to April 15th, people don't travel by
21 snowmachine, but after May, then they go out by boat and you
22 know someone could see a female swimming around by the house
23 and shoot it right there and the kits die in the house.

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25 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Yeah, I know where you're coming
26 from. And I think you can only shoot two a day or there's a
27 limit.

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29 MR. COLLINS: It's fairly restrictive.

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31 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: It's very restrictive. I think it's
32 only two a day and the people that I know that go out and do
33 it, they're going to get it before -- like Henry was saying,
34 nobody wants to hunt -- get beaver in the summertime, you know,
35 you want to get them when they first come out. They're still
36 good. They're still kind of prime. And it's only two a day
37 and usually they just get -- I know of maybe at the max, three,
38 to use it for human consumption to put in the freezer before
39 the summer. The beaver population at home is very bad. I mean
40 we've gotten to the point where too much is bad.

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42 MR. DEACON: Mr. Chairman.

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44 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Henry.

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46 MR. DEACON: There used to be a lot of beavers in my
47 young days, in the 1940s. There was more beaver than any of us
48 could ever count and they were all in the lakes and there
49 wasn't beaver on the river in those days when we used to

50 travel. We never trapped in the rivers, they were all in the

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1 lakes, you know. So I always say those beavers are all moving
2 to the rivers because they want running water.

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4 MR. COLLINS: Just like everybody else.

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6 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Anymore discussion on 79? If not,
7 all in favor of Proposal 79 signify by saying aye.

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9 IN UNISON: Aye.

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11 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Opposed same sign.

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13 MR. REAKOFF: Aye.

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15 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: One opposed. Proposal 79 passed.

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17 MR. MATHEWS: The next proposal we have is Proposal 82,
18 that aligns the Federal seasons with State seasons for wolf in
19 Unit 19.

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21 MR. DeMATTEO: Mr. Chairman, Proposal 82 is submitted
22 again by the Western Interior Advisory Council. This would
23 change the current Federal trapping season for Unit 19 from
24 November 1 through March 31 to match the State's November 1
25 through April 30 season.

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27 The existing Federal wolf trapping regulation for Unit
28 19 is more restrictive than that of the State by 30 days. The
29 Department of Fish and Game population reports for the size of
30 wolf populations, they did a spring survey in 1995 in a 5,00
31 square mile area in the upper portion of Unit 19(D), which
32 resulted in a population estimate of 164 wolves. And in the
33 spring of '96, moose populations in that upper portion of Unit
34 19(D) were approximately a third of the moose for every square
35 mile. Comparing the two population estimates, the wolf and
36 moose, resulted in a ratio of about 12 moose per every one
37 wolf. Additional efforts in the spring of '97 resulted in a
38 wolf population estimate of 53 wolves in the same 5,000 square
39 area indicating a major decline in the wolf population with the
40 moose/wolf ratio of 35 to one.

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42 Establishing this proposed season is not expected -- in
43 Unit 19 is not expected to increase the amount of harvest, with
44 that, Staff recommends you adopt the proposal.

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46 MR. MATHEWS: And there was no written comments and you
47 have the State comments in front of you in your book.

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49 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, I'll move to adopt Proposal

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1 MR. SAM: Second.

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3 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: There's a motion on the floor to
4 adopt Proposal 82 and seconded. Any discussion?

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6 MR. SAM: Question.

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8 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Question's been called for. All in
9 favor of adopting Proposal 82 signify by saying aye.

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11 IN UNISON: Aye.

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13 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: All opposed same sign.

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15 (No opposing responses)

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17 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Proposal 82 has been adopted.

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19 MR. MATHEWS: Mr. Chairman, that brings us up to
20 Proposal 69 and 70. The analysis for that is in your folder
21 and that's dealing with black bear, c&t determinations for Unit
22 21, and George would be handling that proposal.

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24 MR. SHERROD: Mr. Chairman, Council members, these two
25 proposals, 69 and 70 would change the current no determination
26 or all rural residents for black bear in Unit 21 to 69 would be
27 residents of Unit 21, 23, residents of Tanana, Russian Mission
28 and others who have traditionally hunted in Unit 21. Proposal
29 70 would be residents of Unit 21 and residents of Akiak and
30 Akiachak. As with the other black bear proposals, harvest data
31 is quite limited because there is not a reporting requirement.

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33 In the handout you have there are figures one through
34 five which basically list the existing customary and
35 traditional use determinations for several of the species by
36 subunits. Following that are Tables 1 and 2, which list the
37 number of communities that would be potentially affected by
38 this proposal. And it's interesting, we have close to 20,000
39 individuals affected on that. The following page on Table 3 is
40 the only reported black bear harvest data that we have for Unit
41 21. And as you see in 21(C) we have no data whatsoever.

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43 In reviewing the ethnographic material, as in the other
44 case, we're dealing with basically similar human populations.
45 Black bear were opportunistically harvested in association with
46 other activities. Using that logic, my recommendation was that
47 we adopt c&t determinations that were compatible with the
48 others allowing people to take black bear when they're eligible
49 to take other resources in these areas.

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1 And that's the primary conclusions. 21(A), basically
2 -- I'm not going to read it -- or the communities that would be
3 there. I know that Eastern did take this one up and maybe
4 Vince can brief you on their actions.

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6 MR. MATHEWS: Yes. Eastern did take this up and
7 discussed it pretty extensively and they support the Staff
8 recommendation with the modification to add the community of
9 Tanana to subunit 21(D) as in Delta because they do have inter-
10 ties, both by families and by just moving up and down river to
11 Galena.

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13 I'll put up a map on that. Tanana is off the map but
14 it's just as you go outside of 21(B) as in Boy.

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16 MR. SAM: Mr. Chairman, is it time for a.....

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18 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: We need a motion, right?

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20 MR. MATHEWS: We need a motion right now.

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22 MR. SAM: So moved to adopt 69.

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24 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: There's a motion to adopt -- is that
25 69 and 70 or just.....

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27 MR. SAM: The proposal is both?

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29 MR. SHERROD: I suppose the easiest way is to vote down
30 one and then adopt the other as modified by Staff
31 recommendation, procedurally would be the way to do it.

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33 MR. SAM: It looks like we have two different proposals
34 dealing with two different geographical areas so I think that
35 we should do one at a time.

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37 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: There's a motion to.....

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39 MR. SAM: Adopt Proposal 69.

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41 CHAIRMAN MORGAN:adopt Proposal 69. Do I hear a
42 second? Is there a second?

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44 MR. DEACON: Second.

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46 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Second by Henry. Discussion. Ray.

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48 MR. COLLINS: This is another case where we get into
49 those, what do you do with the borders of the area because if

50 you look up in 21(B) right across just over the hill is Takotna

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1 and the road goes over into the Upper Innoko there so you've
2 got -- and I don't know about the other fringes, but you may
3 have communities just over the way that wouldn't be
4 accommodated by the suggested proposal. And I'm wondering if
5 we wouldn't be better to leave it as is, no determination all
6 rural residents. So it's like the other one that, you know, no
7 action might be better than acting because then we have to
8 start naming these other communities and units and so on. So
9 I'd have to have it further modified if we adopt the Staff.

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11 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Um-hum.

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13 MR. COLLINS: And I guess I would be in favor of voting
14 it down and recommending that they make no determination for --
15 because there's no subsistence or biological reason for doing
16 that right now. I know that puts us at odds with the Eastern,
17 but I don't know if.....

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19 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Yeah, I tend to agree because what
20 separates 21(E) and 19 is the way the water runs. If it runs
21 towards the Kuskokwim, you're in 19. If it runs towards the
22 Yukon you're in 21(E). And it's a very -- it's only about, not
23 even five miles. I would say about three or four miles out of
24 Aniak in the separation at the line. And that's the definition
25 they got. Because there's a lot of borderline villages from
26 Flat to Crooked Creek is a very short distance. And there is a
27 road, you know, and there's that road that goes to Flat from
28 Crooked Creek through that mine.

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30 Any more comments on 69?

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32 MR. SAM: Yeah, I tend to agree with Ray. There is no
33 requirement to even report the take of black bear so if we
34 voted 69 down it would remain as no determination, all rural
35 residents. I think that people take black bear
36 opportunistically, however in these small communities such as
37 Allakaket, Alatna or Hughes, we do hunt them extensively for
38 potlatches and that's what -- I mean we take them incidentally,
39 too.

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41 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Any more questions on 69? Jack.

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43 MR. REAKOFF: Mr. Chairman, I would like to remain in-
44 line with our other no determination for black bear.

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46 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Um-hum.

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48 MR. REAKOFF: The reason being that they're an
49 incidental take animal and that they're populations are

50 relatively stable. We don't have to restrict the subsistence

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1 users at this time in any way.

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3 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: I tend to concur because the last
4 three years in a row I've caught black bear in 21(E). We go up
5 and it's very close. Anymore questions on 69?

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7 MR. SAM: Question.

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9 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Question's been called for. All in
10 favor of Proposal 69 signify by saying aye.

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12 (No aye responses)

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14 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: All opposed same sign.

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16 IN UNISON: Aye.

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18 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Proposal 70.

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20 MR. SHERROD: 69 and 70 both dealt with black bear so
21 keeping in line.....

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23 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Keeping in line.....

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25 MR. SHERROD:you should probably just bring it up
26 and shoot it down and use the same justification you used for
27 69.

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29 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Is there a motion to accept?

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31 MR. SAM: So moved.

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33 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: There's a motion to accept Proposal
34 70, do I hear a second?

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36 MR. REAKOFF: Second.

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38 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Seconded by Jack.

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40 MR. REAKOFF: Angela.

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42 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Angela, okay.

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44 MS. DEMIENTIEFF: Oh, okay.

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46 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Any discussion?

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48 MR. SAM: Question.

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CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Question's been called for. All in

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1 favor of accepting Proposal 70 signify by saying aye.

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3 (No aye responses)

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5 MR. COLLINS: Aye.

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7 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: All opposed same sign.

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9 IN UNISON: Aye.

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11 MR. MATHEWS: Let the record reflect that the vote for
12 was an accident and that eight voted against the proposal.

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14 MR. SAM: You never know about Ray.

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16 MR. MATHEWS: The next proposal is Proposal 71 dealing
17 with customary and traditional use determination for brown bear
18 in Units 21(A) and 21(E).

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20 MR. SHERROD: 21 and 23. Mr. Chair, Council members,
21 Proposal 71 submitted by the Akiak and Akiachak IRA councils
22 request addition of these two communities to the existing
23 customary news determination for brown bear in Units 21 and 23.

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25 As in the case with black bear, there's limited harvest
26 data available to draw upon in doing these analysis. It is
27 apparent that the communities are subsistence based economies,
28 that they meet all the factors. The question becomes the
29 where. It is the preliminary Staff conclusion that this
30 proposal should be rejected. This rejection is based on the
31 fact that Unit 21(A) and 21(E) are considerable distances from
32 these two communities. And it seems unlikely that hunters
33 would travel that far for black bear as part of a subsistence
34 lifestyle. Black bear are also more prevalent closer to the
35 community than at this distance.

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37 MR. MATHEWS: Mr. Chairman, I know George meant to say
38 brown bear.

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40 MR. SHERROD: I'm sorry, brown bear, yeah.

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42 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Is there a motion to accept Proposal
43 71?

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45 MR. COLLINS: I so move to get it on the table.

46

47 MR. SAM: Second.

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49 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: There's a motion to accept Proposal

50 71 and seconded. Seconded for discussion.

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1 MR. MATHEWS: Mr. Chairman, there was no written
2 comments submitted and Fish and Game has the opportunity to
3 speak to it.

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5 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Anymore comments on Proposal 71?
6 Jack -- oh, Fish and Game.

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8 MR. REAKOFF: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to hear from that
9 region -- or Unit 18 representative on what Unit 18's feelings
10 are on this proposal.

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12 MR. NICHOLIA: Mr. Chairman, we really haven't acted on
13 this yet and we'll be meeting, like I said, next week, so right
14 now I have no comments towards it. But I've heard mostly those
15 elders from Akiachak and Akiak stating that they used to go up
16 there before and now I don't think hardly anyone goes there.
17 But if they do I don't know about it, and that's all I have.

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19 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Anymore discussion on Proposal 71?
20 Ronald.

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22 MR. SAM: I have a question, if we vote this down it
23 still has a chance of coming back before the Board again --
24 before the Council?

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26 MR. SHERROD: That's correct. If we receive new
27 information that would indicate that these communities to have
28 traveled up there then it could come back in front of us again.

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30 MR. SAM: Question.

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32 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Question's been called for on
33 Proposal 71. All in favor of Proposal 71 signify by saying
34 aye.

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36 (No aye responses)

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38 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: All opposed same sign.

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40 IN UNISON: Aye.

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42 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Proposal 71 has been deferred.

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44 MR. MATHEWS: Okay, the next proposals that come up are
45 in your folder -- oh, no, I'm sorry, George is going to pass
46 them out. This has to do with Unit 21 caribou, revising the
47 customary and traditional use determination.

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49 MR. SHERROD: There are copies on the back table for

50 other Staff.

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1 Mr. Chair, Council members, Proposals 72, 73, 74 deal
2 with c&t determinations for caribou in Unit 21. This is again
3 the original determination, part of it was based on a herd
4 determination and the Board and the Councils have moved away
5 from herd specific determinations to animal determinations in
6 an area. As you can see when the existing determination,
7 residents of Unit 23 -- all residents of Unit 23 qualify to
8 take caribou in Unit 21 and that is a matter of the herd
9 determination as opposed to any evidence that they did so. In
10 walking through the analysis, this proposal effects a fair
11 number of people, a fair number of cultural groups, Athabaskan,
12 Yup'ik, Inupiaq. Again, we have the figures on Page 4, 5, 6
13 and 7 are existing customary determinations for a number of
14 species, including caribou in the right-hand two columns.
15 There's the Western Arctic Herd and then we have positive
16 determinations for other caribou.

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18 For example, on Page 4, you see that residents of Unit
19 21(A) qualified for other caribou in Unit 21(A) but not for the
20 Western Arctic Herd. Residents of 21(D) west of the Yukon and
21 Koyukuk Rivers qualify for Western Arctic but not other herds.
22 And in going through the analysis and looking at the different
23 harvest patterns as I say, we have sort of a no -- or a lack of
24 specific data. If you'll look at Table 3 on Page 11, this is
25 the level of harvest that we've got. This is also a situation
26 in which we have several of these units. We lack -- no, I'm
27 going to get out of here -- excuse me, forget that, I'm
28 confusing proposals.

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30 Skipping, I guess over the analysis and skipping to the
31 conclusions which is on Page 25, basically this recommended
32 customary and traditional determination would lump those
33 individuals with positive c&t's for caribou and grant them a
34 positive c&t in the area with the exception of residents of
35 Unit 23 and 24 were dropped. And this was due to the fact that
36 -- what do I want to say -- that they had, by de facto had a
37 positive c&t because they had Western Arctic Herd
38 determination. But there is no evidence that residents from
39 the Kotzebue Sound area or Unit 24 actually travel into Unit 21
40 to take caribou. And it's true Russian Mission was also
41 dropped because there was no evidence to indicate that they had
42 traveled into this area to use caribou. So in essence, we've
43 dropped Unit 23, 24, 21(A) and then lumped everybody else
44 together. And that's reflected in the recommended c&t
45 determination on Page 25.

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47 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: We need a motion to adopt Proposal
48 72.
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MR. SAM: For discussion purposes I move to adopt 72.

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1 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: There's a motion to adopt Proposal
2 72, is there a second? Is there a second? Is there a second?

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4 MR. COLLINS: Second.

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6 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: It's seconded. Because if there's no
7 second the motion dies and we continue on. Okay, second for
8 discussion. Second for discussion. Any discussion?

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10 MR. MATHEWS: Well, Mr. Chairman, there was no written
11 comments on 72, 73 and 74. And again, the State has the
12 opportunity to be recognize if they so desire.

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14 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Any other agencies? Anybody else out
15 there with any comments? Questions?

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17 MR. SAM: You didn't have any Staff recommendations on
18 this?

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20 MR. SHERROD: Yes. The primary conclusion is the
21 recommendation on Page 25. This is what I have proposed. And
22 I suppose what's important to this body is to ensure that
23 nobody's been left out there. And this would be for all
24 caribou, not just for -- it would no longer be a herd
25 determination. So for instance, in Unit 21(A) it would be
26 rural residents of Unit 21(A), Unit 21(E) and residents of
27 Aniak, Chuathbaluk, Crooked Creek, Huslia, McGrath, and
28 Takotna.

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30 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Jack.

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32 MR. REAKOFF: I'm not sure how -- how does Huslia get
33 to Unit 21(A) and Koyukuk and Nulato and those villages that
34 don't have a c&t, how is that happening?

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36 MR. SHERROD: Well, the communities that are listed
37 here are ones that I have evidence, either in harvest tickets
38 or land use mapping or something that they've actually used
39 that area. To say that there may be communities left out,
40 that's a fair guess because in many cases there literally is no
41 harvest data. There's no -- I guess I look at this,
42 particularly in this case, as an additive process. We are
43 bound to some degree to base the decisions on the facts in
44 front of us because we do wind up getting challenged fairly
45 frequently on these decisions. And that's why I say perhaps
46 that one of the roles of this body is to look at this and say,
47 you left out a community it should be in here, I know for a
48 fact someone went down there. Because see I have to put this
49 together based on the information that I have at my fingertips

50 and sometimes it's not very adequate.

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1 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Questions on Proposal 72?

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3 MR. COLLINS: So Mr. Chair, if we're in favor of, we
4 would need to move this -- what, modify this with the Staff
5 recommendation or.....

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7 MR. SHERROD: I suppose you could adopt one with the
8 Staff recommendation and then take no action on the other two
9 because of the action you took on the first one. And as I say,
10 if you see -- Jack, if you see a community you think should be
11 in there, you think you can justify it, then I would modify it
12 and include those communities.

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14 MR. REAKOFF: Well, I can't say myself for sure about,
15 you know, Galena and Nulato and Koyukuk about going into Unit
16 21, but if people are going from Huslia, it would almost seem
17 that people that are closer would go there.

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19 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Benedict.

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21 MR. JONES: Yeah, that Western Caribou Herd generally
22 don't migrate through Unit 21, only this -- like last fall, for
23 instance, they just migrated for one week, they went north --
24 south of the Yukon and they came right back and went back north
25 out of our boundaries. But Unit 24, that's the question that's
26 been asked to include in Unit 21, that switches out of our
27 unit, Huslia is Unit 24. So therefore, the caribou migrate --
28 Western Herd migrate into Huslia Flats and winter there. So
29 it's just only the Huslia and the Hughes people, hunters -- we
30 don't go up there to hunt caribou.

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32 MR. SAM: So you're talking about two different units
33 there.

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35 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Next.

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37 MR. NED: Yeah, I'm Stanley.....

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39 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Stanley.

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41 REPORTER: Can you come up to the microphone, sir.

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43 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Thank you.

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45 REPORTER: Thank you. State your name for the record,
46 please.

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48 MR. NED: My name is Stanley Ned. I'm with Tanana
49 Chiefs, the Staff researcher there. We found -- I'm also

50 sitting on the Western Arctic Caribou Herd Committee. And we

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1 know that the caribou, Western Arctic Caribou Herd has migrated
2 south of Kotzebue down along the coast up as far as Unalakleet
3 and from Unalakleet through the pass over toward Nulato,
4 Koyukuk, Kaltag and we've seen more evidence of that lately and
5 we do know that they go in Unit 24 as Benedict was saying but
6 we know that they're continuing down. But we don't want to
7 leave your c&t out on Western Arctic Caribou Herd, Benedict,
8 and we do know that they're going into your area. I just want
9 to make that clear here.

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11 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Anymore questions on.....

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13 MR. SAM: Yeah. I got a question for George.

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15 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Go ahead.

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17 MR. SAM: Yeah, what's this west of the Koyukuk?

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19 MR. SHERROD: I guess I need to know what you're
20 looking at.

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22 MR. SAM: Oh, I guess I'm just looking at the residents
23 of Unit 21, okay.

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25 MR. SHERROD: The existing c&t ?

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27 MR. SAM: Yeah.

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29 MR. SHERROD: I'm not sure how that came to be. I
30 think it was adopted from the State regulations. And I'm not
31 sure of the logic behind that. We do have a representative
32 from the State, maybe they can fill us in on the logic behind
33 that cut.

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35 MR. ANDERSON: I'm not sure, George. I (indiscernible
36 - away from mic)

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38 REPORTER: Can you come up here, sir, please. State
39 your name for the record, please.

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41 MR. ANDERSON: Dave Anderson. Division of Subsistence,
42 Department of Fish and Game. The question was, what's the
43 logic behind having the west of the Koyukuk and Yukon River for
44 Western Arctic Herd. Is that the question?

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46 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Yes.

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48 MR. ANDERSON: I think it's only been in recent years
49 and I'm just guessing here because I'm not a caribou biologist.

50 But with the size of the Western Arctic Herd, it's only

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1 recently that they have, on a fairly regular basis, started
2 coming down and coming into the Unalakleet area. And there has
3 been some proposals, I think from the Galena area to include -
4 they wanted to be in on the c&t for that, too, and I'm not --
5 the Board -- the State Board has not made the change. So I
6 guess they feel there is a need to keep it the way it is. But
7 as far as the logic behind it, I think it's just because the
8 animals -- the Western Arctic Herd rarely goes to the east of
9 the Koyukuk River and south of the Yukon.

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11 MR. JONES: Okay, that's understandable.

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13 MR. COLLINS: A question then, if we adopt the
14 recommendation no herds are mentioned in this so if caribou end
15 up in these areas then they're found to have c&t's in those
16 areas? Does that propose a problem to the State because it's
17 an expanding herd?

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19 MR. ANDERSON: I don't know whether the State then
20 would move to change its regs or not, I can't say.

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22 MR. REAKOFF: Mr. Chairman.

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24 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Jack.

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26 MR. REAKOFF: The only reason that I know of that they
27 head west of the Koyukuk was because they got a little tiny
28 caribou herd Wolf Mountain Herd north of Galena that the State
29 was trying to protect over there. And that was the main reason
30 that they didn't want to have a full-blown hunt of that little
31 herd.

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33 MR. ANDERSON: It's in the Ray Mountains?

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35 MR. REAKOFF: Yeah. Yeah, north of Ruby.

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37 MR. ANDERSON: Oh, okay.

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39 MR. JONES: Yeah, they're trying to protect that herd.
40 There's only about 500 population that's stable there. And
41 they do migrate to our area but not very -- very few of them.
42 They stay on that east side of the Koyukuk. They don't mingle
43 with the Western Herd. When the Western Herd comes in they go
44 to a certain boundary area and head back to the west.

45
46 MR. ANDERSON: I guess I would mention one -- George
47 mentioned there's very little data on caribou harvest.
48 Subsistence Division did do a community harvest survey in
49 Kaltag, Nulato, Ruby, Galena and Tanana last year, household

50 survey, and we had no caribou harvested by Tanana or Ruby. And

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1 all of the harvest by Galena, Kaltag and Nulato was over
2 towards -- on the Unalakleet side. We did have some Galena
3 harvest that went into portions of Unit 23 up towards Selawik,
4 traveled a long distance. But there was nothing south or east
5 of the Koyukuk or south of the Yukon River by those
6 communities.

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8 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Any more comments on this?

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10 MR. DeMATTEO: If I may just add one thing. There's
11 two little items here that we need to kind of bring together is
12 that the natural migration route of the Western Arctic Herd
13 when they do come south, they filter down through Nulato Hills.
14 Sometimes they'll go east of the Koyukuk River onto the Flats
15 around the Huslia vicinity north of Galena and then sometimes
16 they'll trickle south down into the Kiyiu Flats and sometimes
17 points even south. And sometimes, as Benedict mentioned, they
18 don't stay very long. If your concerns are -- your
19 conversation concerns are that protecting those smaller herds,
20 like the Galena Mountain Herd, the Ray Mountain Herd, the State
21 -- the Federal regs follow suit with the State regs, that until
22 there's an adequate dilution factor/mixing factor with those
23 herds the winter hunt is always to be announced. And Fish and
24 Game flies the surveys needed to make that determination.

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26 But understand that the appearance of the Western
27 Arctic Herd east of the Koyukuk River is very infrequent. But
28 when it does happen people will and do take those animals on an
29 opportunity basis, of course. Although there's not a
30 consistent history of it because it's all by per chance.

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32 MR. SAM: So Mr. Chairman, if we approve Proposal 72,
33 all we'll do is what we've been doing all along and just
34 provide the subsistence user more freedom and access? That's
35 about all, right? Is that about it George, that if we approve
36 72, all we're doing is providing more subsistence use freedom
37 and access to?

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39 MR. SHERROD: Yeah. The conclusions would not -- no --
40 well, back up, the conclusions do eliminate from a positive c&t
41 determination for Unit 21, residents of Unit 23 and residents
42 of Unit 24 and residents of Russian Mission. And that was
43 based on the lack of data. So it would add some and take some
44 away, I guess is the way to put it. And as Jack pointed out,
45 the spottiness of the data is reflected in the fact that,
46 you're right, we got Huslia in there and I looked back and
47 that's because they already had a positive c&t determination
48 for the unit in the past, but we don't have the communities in
49 21(D), they had been excluded from -- but they were never in

50 anyway, for whatever reason.

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1 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Vince.

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3 MR. MATHEWS: Ron, were you indicating if you just
4 adopted 72 as written or were you talking about the Staff
5 conclusion?

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7 MR. SAM: As proposed.

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9 MR. MATHEWS: Because 72 as written would just add in
10 the communities of Akiak, Akiachak.

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12 MR. SAM: Yes.

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14 MR. MATHEWS: Okay. So what George is talking about is
15 from the conclusions that he drafted. Maybe Staff can help me
16 through this, we're doing away with the herds so we would have
17 -- or not doing away with the herds let the record reflect.
18 We're doing away with c&t's based on herds. So I would say
19 there needs to be some type of action, but I just wanted to get
20 you both talking on the same wave length so maybe George can
21 answer your question if Proposal 72 was passed as proposed;
22 what effect it would have?

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24 MR. SHERROD: Well, as my preliminary conclusions did
25 not include Akiak and Akiachak because of lack of harvest data.
26 So it would be basically rejecting their proposal to have a
27 positive c&t in that area. But by doing all three proposals at
28 once then we basically revised the entire c&t. And again, as I
29 say, the communities that are listed on Page 25 are those
30 communities that either have had a positive c&t determination
31 or have evidence somewhere in some of the records that they've
32 actually taken caribou in these units.

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34 And I think there is a good point that Pete brought up
35 that when you do get an influx of Western Arctic into, I
36 suppose, I guess Nulato Hills, which I assume is by Nulato. As
37 written now these individuals would not be -- they would not
38 have a positive c&t determination because there is no data that
39 they currently are harvesting. There's no way to justify it.
40 So we could deal potentially with a special action, I suppose,
41 if that event happened. Or if Jack and the other Council
42 members feel strong enough that there's a logic to include them
43 even though they don't have recent harvest records in the
44 determination for 21(A), we could do that, too.

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46 Again, you know, if -- this is a constant drilling
47 you've all been processed. This doesn't have to be the fix.
48 We would like to think that the determination we come up with
49 is better than the one we had before but it doesn't have to be

50 perfect.

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1 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Benedict.

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3 MR. JONES: I got a question for the State. When you
4 emergency open -- when the caribou, Western Herd come into the
5 Koyukuk area, how do you determine to open this season when so
6 many thousands come into our area, what do you determine?

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8 MR. ANDERSON: I'm afraid I can't answer that,
9 Benedict. I wish Jim Woolington was here from our meeting
10 yesterday because he's the one that would do that. And I'm not
11 sure what biological criteria he -- whether he flies a survey
12 and says there's X number of animals or whether they've got
13 collars on animals and he knows where the groups are, I just
14 don't know.

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16 MR. JONES: Yeah, back in 1992, I think there was about
17 40,000 herds came through -- they did emergency open for us
18 then and very rarely -- every year that some come, but you
19 know, just come out to the Koyukuk River and go right back.

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21 MR. ANDERSON: Right. I think they rely to some extent
22 on reports from local people saying we're seeing a lot of
23 caribou in here, come up and take a look at them. And -- but
24 what you want to know is at what point do they open it up?
25 When they think they have enough animals in there and I don't
26 know the answer to that.

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28 MR. JONES: Okay.

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30 MR. COLLINS: And then by that time they'll be gone it
31 sounds like, is that right Benedict? By the time they would --
32 if they only come over there and turn around it's pretty hard
33 to say they're here and then wait for them.

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35 MR. JONES: Well, in the past they did, you know, they
36 saw enough caribou that came over and it'd be open, you know,
37 from the 1st of November or October or something like that
38 while the caribou was in that area. And then the caribou go
39 back out of the area then the people's going to go out looking
40 for them.

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42 MR. ANDERSON: I can try and find out. I can try and
43 talk to Woolington this afternoon and I'll be here again
44 tomorrow and I can give you an answer to that question.

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46 MR. JONES: Okay.

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48 MR. ANDERSON: I don't know off the top of my head.

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CHAIRMAN MORGAN: All right.

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1 MR. DeMATTEO: If I may address Benedict's comment
2 there. Back in '92 they had radio collars on certain -- on the
3 Galena Mountain Herd so when the commercial pilots started
4 saying they seen the Western Arctic Herd in a certain area the
5 area biologists went around in an airplane and he tracked them.
6 And he could tell by the radio collars on the animals how many
7 were mixing in with the Western Arctic Herd. And unfortunately
8 it comes to a point where you have to use statistical analysis
9 to determine what is the mixing ratio of the Western Arctic
10 Herd with the Galena Mountain Herd. And there's a management
11 plan and it's all prescribed to how many have to be mixed. In
12 other words, how many thousands of Western Arctic Herd has to
13 be for every one Galena Mountain Herd before they feel it's
14 safe to open up a hunt on it. And that's pretty much the
15 prescription that they use in establishing that hunt. But I
16 don't know right now if they have active collars on the Galena
17 Mountain Herd today. Maybe the refuge manager has an idea.

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19 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: I only presume that.....

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21 REPORTER: Sir, please.....

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23 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE:the radio collars are active
24 because of the (indiscernible) actual project this winter. The
25 Western Arctic Herd isn't anywhere close so it's a moot point.

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27 MR. DeMATTEO: But one thing, you can put your minds to
28 rest that no one's even going to suggest opening up the season
29 until they're fairly convinced that there's enough Western
30 Arctic Herd animals mixed up with the Galena Mountain Herd.
31 That's not going to happen.

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33 MR. REAKOFF: Mr. Chairman.

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35 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Jack.

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37 MR. REAKOFF: My main question in my mind is is there a
38 provision in the Federal law for the Federal lands for that
39 opening to occur?

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41 MR. DeMATTEO: Yes.

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43 MS. MEEHAN: Yes.

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45 MR. REAKOFF: By emergency order?

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47 MR. DeMATTEO: Yes. We allow the State to take lead on
48 that.

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MR. REAKOFF: Okay.

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1 MR. DeMATTEO: When they open their season we
2 automatically open our season. When they shut the season down
3 by executive order, emergency action, then we follow suit with
4 that.

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6 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: So George if we do pass resolution
7 72, with your recommendation on 21(A), it would -- with your
8 preliminary conclusion, this is what you want -- the language
9 put in it's place, right?

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11 MR. SHERROD: This is what I'm suggesting would be the
12 customary and traditional determination for Units 21(A), (B),
13 (C), (D) and (E). And as I said, the question in front of this
14 group right now that isn't answered is should we include 21(D)
15 rural residents in 21(D) in 21(A).

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17 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Go ahead.

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19 MS. HILDEBRAND: I'm going to point to the map here.
20 You're talking about whether these people should be hunting in
21 here, not whether they shouldn't. If it's c&t, have they ever
22 hunted in this area. I know for a fact some of these people
23 came down this river and came up through these other rivers and
24 hunted there. And the caribou in this area, although they are
25 considered just coming in recently, in the last hundred years,
26 there were caribou in the entire area and they have caribou
27 clans -- there are people who are named for those clans. And
28 have gone out of the area because of the lack of the liken --
29 now, that the liken has returned, the caribou have returned.
30 So if the question is just customary and traditional use, they
31 did use that area.

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33 MR. REAKOFF: Mr. Chairman.

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35 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Jack.

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37 MR. REAKOFF: It's my opinion that -- I forgot your
38 name again?

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40 MS. HILDEBRAND: Ida.

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42 MR. REAKOFF: Ida, she's exactly correct. That these
43 c&t's can't be -- these caribou cycles are so long and so big
44 that data on harvest tickets, we don't even harvest -- we
45 didn't even pay attention to harvest tickets when I was a kid.
46 There was no closed season, no limit, you could just -- you
47 could use them for dog food. I don't trust the harvest
48 information. I feel that the residents of Unit 21(D) should be
49 eligible to hunt in Unit 21(a) at the minimum.

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1 I also question whether possibly Hughes and further up
2 into the Koyukuk should be eligible to hunt down further if
3 Huslia's in there. And that's just the way I think.

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5 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Ray.

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7 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, I suggest we defeat the
8 motion that's on the table right now which is 21(D) because we
9 don't even have the Staff's recommendation before. It deals
10 with all of them. If we defeat the motion that's on the table
11 then we could make a motion to adopt their conclusions and add
12 -- you're saying add 21(D) to (A)A?

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14 MR. REAKOFF: Yes.

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16 MR. COLLINS: Right. We could do that all in one
17 motion and that would cover all the other ones. It would be
18 better to get the motion off the table and let's just have one
19 of them.

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21 MS. MEEHAN: Yes.

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23 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Um-hum.

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25 MR. MATHEWS: The motion on the table is just to adopt
26 72 and that's.....

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28 MR. SAM: Yes.

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30 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Yes.

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32 MR. COLLINS: Yeah.

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34 MR. SAM: It was just to adopt 72. And all we're doing
35 is adding Akiak and Akiachak, right?

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37 MR. SHERROD: That was what the proposal had asked for.
38 As I say in my conclusions they were not added.

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40 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: They were not added in the
41 conclusions. Here's his conclusions on this.

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43 MR. SAM: Question.

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45 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Question's been called for. All in
46 favor of adopting Proposal 72 signify by saying aye.

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48 (No aye responses)

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50 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: All opposed same sign.

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1 IN UNISON: Aye.

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3 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: 72 has been denied. Go ahead Ray.

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5 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, I would move that we adopt
6 the Staff's recommendation on c&t determinations for caribou in
7 Units 21(A), (B), (C), (D) and (E) with the addition that 21(D)
8 be listed as having a c&t in 21(A). I think that accommodated
9 what we just went through here. That's my motion, Mr. Chair.

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11 MR. DEACON: Second.

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13 MR. SAM: This would then be submitted as Proposal 72?

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15 MR. COLLINS: Well, it would be -- it's our
16 recommendation to the Board of how to deal with those proposals
17 that they adopt this instead of those proposals, actually.

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19 MR. SAM: Instead of his conclusions.

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21 MR. COLLINS: Is that allowable?

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23 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Yes.

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25 MR. SHERROD: In other words, the three proposals all
26 dealt with caribou in the same unit. Your recommendation would
27 be to put this determination -- to replace existing
28 determinations with this one and that would take care of all
29 three proposals.

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31 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: There was a motion and seconded by
32 Henry, any discussion?

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34 MR. REAKOFF: Mr. Chairman, I'd also like to state for
35 the record that this is an interim c&t and that I would like to
36 see more input from Unit 23 and further up the Koyukuk from
37 traditional councils on use down into Unit 21.

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39 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Yes.

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41 MR. DEACON: Question.

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43 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Question's been called for.

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45 MR. SAM: Okay, wait a minute.

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47 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Oh, excuse me, yes.

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49 MR. SAM: Could you restate the motion clearly.....

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1 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Reread the motion.

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3 MR. SAM:and succinctly?

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5 MS. MEEHAN: What I've got is adopt the Staff
6 recommendation for caribou in Unit 21, and that's 21(A), (B),
7 (C), (D) and (E) with the addition of rural residents of Unit
8 21(D) in 21(A).

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10 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Mr. Mathews.

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12 MR. MATHEWS: I think when we discussed black bear, a
13 proposal that was deferred, I don't remember the number, that
14 we took up last year, where it was dealing with black bear in
15 Unit 23, that would be back before you fairly soon here. Or I
16 don't think we've taken it up yet, no, we haven't.

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18 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: No.

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20 MR. MATHEWS: This Council said that you had customary
21 and traditional use of black bear in 23. If I understand the
22 motion at the table then you would say that residents of 23 no
23 longer have c&t use of Unit 21 anywhere or maybe I'm missing
24 something?

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26 MR. REAKOFF: Mr. Chairman.

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28 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Jack.

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30 MR. REAKOFF: Mr. Chairman, we're saying that -- but as
31 I said for the record, I would like to state that this is an
32 interim c&t for Unit 21. And that I'm encouraging the Staff to
33 research into Unit 23 by contacting traditional councils in the
34 -- especially in Ambler, Kobuk and Shungnak, to find out if
35 there is use from up there down into those units.

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37 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Vince.

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39 MR. MATHEWS: I did not attend that meeting, Northwest
40 Arctic did meet, I'm not sure what action they took on that one
41 proposal, when it does come up with black bear. I don't want
42 to mix proposals, but and plus they were supposed to look at
43 72, 73 and 74. I have no knowledge of what actions they took
44 but I think there may be other Staff.....

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46 MR. SHERROD: Jack, I did land use mapping research in
47 Kiana and Ambler and at least for the last century they have
48 not traveled into Unit 21(D) at all. I don't know about
49 Shungnak. The thing here that I think we all recognize is if

50 you really want caribou, caribou's one of those species people

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1 will go hundreds of miles to get. And I know in the case of
2 Ambler they were traveling way up to the Colville River and
3 almost to the coast when they couldn't get them locally and now
4 they're coming through their backyard, you know, you don't go
5 very far if you don't have to. But I can, you know, go back to
6 my notes and stuff and see if there's reason -- at this point
7 in time I think those communities have caribou right now in
8 their backyards so I don't see them coming all the way over
9 here, but I think that's something that these Councils will
10 have to address. When caribou move do you accommodate users,
11 as you pointed out, that haven't had access to them for a
12 number of years.

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14 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Ron.

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16 MR. SAM: Yes. I think that we should do that.
17 Because at the Federal Subsistence Board meeting down at
18 Anchorage last year, they invited us up there and they said
19 they had no -- they had no -- I mean they had enough resources
20 that they didn't want us excluded from hunting their areas. So
21 I think we should extend the same feelings to our proposals.

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23 MS. MEEHAN: Mr. Chair.

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25 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chair.

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27 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Rosa.

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29 MS. MEEHAN: As a point of information, there's two of
30 us that vaguely remember hearing that Northwest deferred to
31 this Council on these overlap proposals and Tom has gone to his
32 room and he'll make a call or something and try and find out.
33 So we will get you that information on how Northwest acted on
34 these overlap proposals.

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36 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman.

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38 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Ray.

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40 MR. COLLINS: I don't see how they would be hurt by
41 this right now because of the existence of caribou in their
42 area so that they could come in later. And I can't -- and
43 since that's where the caribou come from, the Northwest Arctic,
44 as I understand it, I don't know why they would wait while they
45 walked by their door to come clear down in 21(D) when they're
46 over there or is there another route that would bring them in
47 here without going through their backyard?

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49 MR. REAKOFF: Mr. Chairman.

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1 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Jack.

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3 MR. REAKOFF: Mr. Chairman, when I was a kid caribou
4 didn't go through that Kobuk country so much, they went down
5 through Anaktuvuk Pass and down the Alatna and North Fork to
6 the Koyukuk.

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8 MR. COLLINS: Okay.

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10 MR. REAKOFF: And then they went down through Tonzona,
11 Ray Mountains and over towards north of Beaver Village. So
12 they can get over there by coming another way, through the
13 Central Brooks Range.

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15 MR. COLLINS: Okay.

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17 MR. REAKOFF: So we got, you know, it's true, I think
18 we addressed this, what's on the motion right now is fine but I
19 feel it's an interim thing and that it should -- there's need
20 for further research.

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22 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: But you would be satisfied with this?

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24 MR. REAKOFF: Yes.

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26 MR. COLLINS: In the emergency situation would cover
27 it, I would assume because if none of them went that way and
28 they all came the other way then the other provisions that you
29 mentioned would come into play, I assume.

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31 MR. SHERROD: I think it would be something that could
32 be done.

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34 MR. COLLINS: Yeah.

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36 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Yes. Anymore on the motion -- it's
37 on Proposal 72, right?

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39 MR. COLLINS: Substitute.

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41 MR. SAM: It's a substitute for it actually.

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43 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Proposal 72 covering 21(A), (B), (C),
44 (D) and (E) with 21(D) in 21(A), anymore discussion?

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46 MR. SAM: Question.

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48 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Question's been called for. All in
49 favor of the motion -- would you please read the motion as

50 written?

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1 MS. MEEHAN: The motion that I've got is to adopt Staff
2 recommendation for caribou in Unit 21(A) through (E) with the
3 addition of rural residents of 21(D) in 21(A).
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5 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: All in favor of the motion signify by
6 saying aye.
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8 IN UNISON: Aye.
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10 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: All opposed same sign.
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12 (No opposing responses)
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14 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: And that motion passes. So that took
15 care of.....
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17 MR. SAM: 72.
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19 CHAIRMAN MORGAN:72.
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21 MR. REAKOFF: Does it take care of 73 and 74?
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23 MR. SHERROD: I think so.
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25 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Does it take care of Proposal 73 and
26 74, too?
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28 MR. SHERROD: I think so. I think your intent is
29 clear.
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31 MS. MEEHAN: Yes, I think the intent's clear.
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33 MR. MATHEWS: I think it's clear and then we write this
34 up both for the Board and for the minutes, it will be clear
35 that the action that you took covers all three proposals. And
36 obviously if late breaking information comes back, we'll be in
37 touch with the Chair to see about reconsideration.
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39 Okay, that brings us up to Proposal 77 which deals with
40 21(B) and (C), moose, to revise the c&t determination to add
41 Ruby.
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43 MR. SHERROD: Mr. Chairman, this is basically a
44 housekeeping measure. The road that runs through the community
45 of Ruby as defined by sort of a community plot is the boundary
46 line and as it sits now, if you're on one side of the road
47 you're in, if you're on the other side of the road you're out.
48 Because Ruby actually sits in two game management units rather
49 than one. So the conclusion -- or the suggested wording

50 basically would ensure that all of Ruby qualifies, not just the

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1 portion that's in the right side of the line. So I think it's
2 just housekeeping.

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4 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Is there a motion to accept Proposal
5 77?

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7 MR. SAM: So moved.

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9 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: There's a motion to accept.....

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11 MR. REAKOFF: Second.

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13 CHAIRMAN MORGAN:Proposal 77 and seconded by
14 Jack. Any questions? Discussion.

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16 MR. COLLINS: Question.

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18 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Question's been called for. All in
19 favor of Proposal 77 signify by saying aye.

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21 IN UNISON: Aye.

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23 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: All opposed same sign.

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25 (No opposing responses)

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27 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Proposal 77 passes.

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29 MR. MATHEWS: That brings us up to Proposal 75, again,
30 in 21(A). This is to align the caribou season with the State
31 seasons, and Pete will be discussing Proposal 75.

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33 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Pete.

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35 MR. DeMATTEO: Proposal 75 was submitted by the Western
36 Interior Advisory Council. This would adopt the State's winter
37 caribou season of December 10 through 20 for Unit 21(A).

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39 The existing Federal season for 21(A) is August 10
40 through September 30, which the State -- the creation of the
41 Federal season would give hunters who didn't successfully
42 harvest the caribou in the fall additional opportunity in a
43 late season. And no additional harvest is anticipated as
44 people who do harvest under the late winter season already do
45 so under the State regulations.

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47 The herds that are in question for the local herds are
48 the Sunshine Mountain Herd, the Kuskokwim and the Beaver
49 Mountain Herds and also the Mulchatna Herd. And the Mulchatna

50 Herd has expanded its range into 21(A) into 1996/97 season and

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1 also the Western Arctic Herd, I think on two occasions has come
2 down that far south. So the appearance of these herds is
3 infrequent but it has happened.

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5 The preliminary conclusion from the Staff is to adopt
6 the proposal.

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8 MR. SAM: Move to adopt Proposal 75.

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10 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: There's a motion to adopt Proposal
11 75, do I hear a second?

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13 MR. COLLINS: Second.

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15 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Seconded by Ray. Any discussion or
16 questions for Proposal 75? No one?

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18 MR. REAKOFF: These are the type of proposals that most
19 of the public have been problems with and these are real
20 cleanup between the Federal and State management seasons.

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22 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Anymore comments or questions on
23 Proposal 75?

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25 MR. SAM: Question.

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27 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Question's been called for on
28 Proposal 75. All in favor of Proposal 75 signify by saying
29 aye.

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31 IN UNISON: Aye.

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33 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: All opposed same sign.

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35 (No opposing responses)

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37 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: 75 has been adopted.

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39 MR. SAM: Mr. Chairman.

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41 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Ron.

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43 MR. SAM: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to recognize Tom Early
44 and any other people out there that we haven't recognized.

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46 MR. MATHEWS: Okay, that brings us up to Proposal 80
47 which deals with beaver in Unit 21 to align the -- yeah, it's
48 beaver -- and it's to align the State's seasons. We have an
49 error in our book where it says beaver and then it says wolves,

50 so it is a beaver proposal.

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1 MR. DeMATTEO: Mr. Chair, Proposal 80 again was
2 submitted by the Western Council. And this one would change
3 the Federal trapping season for beaver in Unit 21 from November
4 1 through June 1 and Unit 21 remainder, November 1 through
5 April 15th to match the State, November 1 through June 10
6 season. And this would eliminate the Federal season for Unit
7 21(E), so all of 21 would have the same season, November 1
8 through June 10 for beaver trapping. The State season has an
9 additional 56 days of trapping opportunity.

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11 And the beaver cache surveys that were flown by the
12 Department of Fish and Game indicate that significant increases
13 of beaver numbers have been estimated through surveys. The
14 harvest of beavers continues to be low in that region, but
15 again the beaver numbers are thought to be abundant.

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17 The Staff preliminary recommendation is to adopt the
18 proposal.

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20 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: We need a motion to adopt.

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22 MR. SAM: So moved.

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24 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: There's a motion to adopt Proposal
25 80, is there a second.

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27 MR. JONES: Second.

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29 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: It's been seconded by Benedict. Any
30 discussion? Any discussion on Proposal 80?

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32 MR. SAM: That's another clean house proposal.

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34 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Anymore discussion on Proposal 80?
35 Comments.

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37 MR. SAM: Question.

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39 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Question's been called on Proposal
40 80. All in favor of Proposal 80 signify by saying aye.

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42 IN UNISON: Aye.

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44 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: All opposed same sign.

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46 MR. REAKOFF: Aye. (Per staff notes - not on tape)

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48 MR. MATHEWS: Okay, that brings us up to Proposal 83
49 which is to align wolf seasons within the same unit, Unit 21.

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1 MR. DeMATTEO: Mr. Chair, Proposal 83 is submitted
2 again by the Western Advisory Council. This would change the
3 Federal wolf trapping season for Unit 21 from November 1
4 through March 31 to match the State's November 1 through April
5 30 season.

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7 The existing Federal wolf trapping regulations for 21
8 are restrictive by 30 days. The State season has 30 additional
9 days. The Department of Fish and Game in cooperation with the
10 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service conducted surveys on Unit 21(D)
11 indicating that the wolf population is up. Preliminary results
12 from fur sealing records indicate hunters and trappers
13 harvesting 29 wolves during the '96/97 regulatory season and
14 this is a decline from 47 from the previous year. Additional
15 harvest as a result of adoption of this proposal is not
16 anticipated because rural users who trap wolves in Unit 21
17 currently do so under the State regulations.

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19 The preliminary Staff conclusion is to adopt the
20 proposal.

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22 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: We need a motion to adopt.

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24 MR. SAM: So moved.

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26 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: There's a motion to adopt Proposal
27 83, do I hear a second?

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29 MR. DEACON: Second.

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31 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: It's been seconded. Again, I think
32 this is another housekeeping. Any discussion?

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34 MR. SAM: Mr. Chairman.

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36 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Ron.

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38 MR. SAM: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, I think that we really do
39 have to houseclean and I know that we are making the effort
40 from the both the Federal and the State side to do this. And
41 just listening to the harvest of wolves that Pete brought up,
42 the difference from last year to this -- I mean year before to
43 last year, we need to do more harvesting somehow.

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45 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Any more comments on Proposal 83?

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47 MR. JONES: Mr. Chairman.

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49 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Benedict.

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1 MR. JONES: Yeah, on that trapping reporting, why it's
2 not turned into the Fish and Game for sealing is because of the
3 traditionally we use the wolf hide personally for our memorial
4 potlatch. So those people that do harvest the wolves during
5 the winter don't report to the Fish and Game, we use it
6 traditionally for our use. And further, records that I know of
7 like in the Huslia area, a lot of local people do trap wolves
8 in that area and usually the moose population stayed pretty
9 fairly healthy and so is the Galena/Koyukuk area, the local
10 residents in that area trap close to the villages. That's why
11 -- and the Three-Day Slough area is kind of far away, it takes
12 a whole day to get up there to snowmachine or something so they
13 don't go up there to harvest the wolves. But in the nearby
14 villages, the moose population is fairly stable.

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16 MR. REAKOFF: Mr. Chairman.

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18 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Jack.

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20 MR. REAKOFF: Mr. Chairman, I wanted to point out that
21 this proposal I just remembered that it does not exactly
22 reflect what the State regulation is regarding trapping during
23 -- according to the State trapping regulations, they have a
24 season in Unit 20 -- well, 12, 13, 19, 20 -- 21, 24 and 25.
25 It's against the law to trap a wolf in those units during April
26 or October with a steel trap -- with a trap or with -- or with
27 a snare smaller than 30-32nds, so basically what that says is
28 it's snaring only. And I wanted to clarify that for this -- if
29 this is a Federal alignment that that language should be
30 included in this Proposal 83, that language that the State has.

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32 MR. DeMATTEO: Yeah, Mr. Chair, when we adopt the State
33 season, any of the provisions or requirements that you would
34 see in the State regulation book we would automatically adopt
35 and it would probably seen in somewhere in the beginning of the
36 book where you have the special provisions and requirements,
37 those sections, that's where you would see that sort of thing.

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39 MR. REAKOFF: But I wanted to point that out to the
40 Council, that there's restrictions on this season.

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42 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Any more comments on Proposal 83 or
43 questions?

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45 MR. SAM: Yes.

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47 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Ron.

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49 MR. SAM: It's always been understanding or by

50 assumption that we did take into account all of these special

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1 provisions and not only -- not only in different game units but
2 in different region areas, too, that we adopt it according
3 to.....

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5 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Any more comments or questions for
6 Proposal 83? From the public?

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8 MR. SAM: Question.

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10 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Question's been called for on
11 Proposal 83. All in favor of adopting Proposal 83 signify by
12 saying aye.

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14 IN UNISON: Aye.

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16 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: All opposed same sign.

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18 (No opposing responses)

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20 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Before we continue, can we take a 10
21 minute break.

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23 IN UNISON: Aye.

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25 (Off record)

26 (On record)

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28 MR. MATHEWS: The next proposal we have is Proposal 78
29 dealing with Unit 24 moose to align the seasons with the State
30 seasons. And I should go on record, the mic is always open for
31 State comments at anytime, the Chair's made that clear. If we
32 fail to do it on the record, it's not no message being sent
33 it's just they know that the mic is open.

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35 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Yes.

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37 MR. DeMATTEO: Mr. Chair, Proposal 78 was submitted by
38 the Western Interior Council. This would change the existing
39 September 5 through 25 Federal moose season for Unit 24 to
40 match the State's September 1 through 25 season with the
41 State's designation of up stream and down stream from Huslia
42 into the regulatory language.

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44 The existing Federal fall moose season for Unit 24 is
45 that portion within the Koyukuk controlled use area, one moose
46 September 5 through 25. It's more restrictive than the current
47 State regulations which provides for an additional four days of
48 opportunity at the beginning of the season.

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1 Pass, Koyukuk and Galena have a Federal positive customary and
2 traditional use determination for moose in Unit 24, but they
3 lack the necessary subpart D regulations to harvest moose under
4 Federal regs during the September 1 through 4 season. For that
5 portion down stream from Huslia, the proposed harvest limit is
6 one moose by permit. For that portion up stream from Huslia
7 the proposed harvest limit is one antlered moose September 1
8 through 20 and one moose again September 21 through 25.

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10 Establishment of the proposed fall season for the
11 Koyukuk controlled use area portion of the Unit 24 would not
12 adversely impact existing moose population because the Federal
13 season matches the existing State season. Current State
14 management objectives are responsive to fluctuations and
15 populations due to harvest and winter mortalities. And the
16 mandatory registration permit would be in place under the
17 proposed Federal season.

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19 The preliminary Staff conclusion is to adopt the
20 proposal.

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22 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Correspondence.

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24 MR. MATHEWS: The only written comments we have, and
25 Ron may want to talk more about them is -- and I'm not going to
26 be able to pronounce it, it's the combined village corporations
27 for Alatna, Allakaket, Huslia and Hughes.

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29 MR. SAM: The K-Corp.

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31 MR. MATHEWS: K-Corp. They approved this proposal.
32 And the corporation feels secure that local subsistence users
33 are the ones who would benefit from the changes. We urge the
34 inclusion of Land Acts' information and regulatory booklets.
35 That's the only written comments that I know of.

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37 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Is there a motion to accept Proposal
38 78?

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40 MR. SAM: So moved.

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42 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: There's a motion to accept Proposal
43 78, do I hear a second.

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45 MR. JONES: Second.

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47 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: It's been seconded for discussion.
48 Comments? Public? State? Any questions, comments?

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1 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Question's been called for. All in
2 favor of accepting Proposal 78 signify by saying aye.

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4 IN UNISON: Aye.

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6 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: All opposed same sign.

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8 (No opposing responses)

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10 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: 78 has been accepted.

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12 MR. MATHEWS: Mr. Chairman, the next proposal is again
13 Unit 24. It deals with aligning the seasons for beaver.

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15 MR. DeMATTEO: Proposal 81, again submitted by the
16 Western Interior Advisory Council would change the current
17 Federal trapping season for beaver in Unit 24 from November 1
18 through April 15th to match the State's November 1 through June
19 10 season. The existing Federal beaver trapping regulations
20 for Unit 24 are more restrictive of that of the State's by 56
21 days.

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23 Preliminary analysis of the sealing certificates up
24 through June 23rd, '97 indicates a harvest of 450 beaver were
25 harvested for Unit 24. Additional harvest as a result of
26 adoption of this proposal is not anticipated because rural
27 users who trap in Unit 24 for beaver during the proposed season
28 currently do so under State regulations.

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30 The preliminary Staff conclusion is to adopt the
31 proposal.

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33 MR. SAM: Move to adopt Proposal 81.

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35 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: There's a motion to adopt Proposal
36 81, is there a second?

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38 MR. DEACON: Second.

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40 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Second by Henry. Any discussion on
41 Proposal 81?

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43 MR. REAKOFF: Mr. Chairman.

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45 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Jack.

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47 MR. REAKOFF: Mr. Chairman, this proposal was the one
48 that the Subsistence Resource Commission discussed. And I want
49 to state for the record that there was a unanimous vote against

50 this proposal because of the kits in the house.

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1 MR. MATHEWS: The only written comment was again from
2 K-Corp supporting the proposal as written.

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4 MR. REAKOFF: Mr. Chairman.

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6 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Jack.

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8 MR. REAKOFF: The SRC intended direction of comment to
9 that, I'm not sure if they were relying on me to convey but
10 there should have been a registration of comment from the SRC.

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12 MS. MEEHAN: We did receive that comment in the office.
13 And we're having a paperwork flow problem at this time of year
14 so we just haven't gotten all of those written comments caught
15 up with these books.

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17 MR. REAKOFF: Okay.

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19 MS. MEEHAN: But we will have them incorporated into
20 the Board book.

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22 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Anymore discussion on Proposal 81.
23 Ron.

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25 MR. SAM: Yes, Mr. Chairman, again I would like to
26 state that if we do take them it's just because that we do go
27 back to the c&t use, which is the -- I mean the c&t use before
28 the coming of the freezers, we did take some late and dried
29 some at this time. Because of the freezers we don't take as
30 many late as we used to. And we might take one or two a year
31 just to try it for potlatch of something like that and that's
32 the only take that I can see during the extension. Very little
33 harvesting of beaver. And again, they're all over the place up
34 there.

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36 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Anymore comments or questions?
37 William.

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39 MR. DERENDOFF: Mr. Chair, I'd like to comment on this
40 June 10th. I forgot what proposal it was for June 10 trapping,
41 but there is something -- something wrong someplace on the June
42 trapping. I just don't understand anybody -- people trapping
43 in June, period. I could see a point where a person would go
44 out and subsist and get the meat, maybe just a few beaver. But
45 I'd like to look into it a little more on this June 10th.
46 Personally I feel that's kind of late. I wouldn't trap that
47 time of the year. I mean I'm sure none of the trappers would
48 trap or -- and there's also -- I believe there's regulations on
49 how to trap your beaver. Now, it would effect your trapping --

50 if you have to trap your beaver in June, you'd have to trap it

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1 in water. But during the regular beaver season you trap it
2 through the ice. So there would be a difference there, too.
3 So I'd like the Board to think about that. Thank you.

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5 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Anymore comments? Yeah, Ray.

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7 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, I had a comment on it
8 because we were discussing that and I hadn't even realized it
9 went into place. The season was put in by the State, they did
10 it under trapping because they wanted responsible people to do
11 it and it was to allow harvest in spring and I think they're
12 actually shooting them, the ones that are doing it. They're
13 not using a trap but they're doing it under trapping
14 regulations. If they open it under hunting season you could
15 have anybody just shooting a beaver for fun or whatever or you
16 know, not even know how to take care of it or anything. So
17 they implemented it under the trapping so that they would get
18 responsible use. But the ones that are doing it in our area, I
19 guess, have been shooting. I mean is that what's happening
20 down in your area?

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22 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Yeah.

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24 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Ron.

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26 MR. SAM: Yeah, I would like to ask Pete or George to
27 comment on the take and restrictions or provisions under this
28 proposal?

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30 MR. DeMATTEO: What we would do is adopt the
31 restrictions that the State has, and for the record I'll read
32 them. Under beaver it says it is against the law to take
33 beaver by any means other than a steel trap or snare except
34 that you may shoot two beaver per day in Unit 9(B) and 17 from
35 April 15 through May 31. Unit 18, 19 and 21(E) from April 1
36 through June 10 or in Unit 25, except 25(C) from April 16
37 through June 1 provided the meat is salvaged for human
38 consumption.

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40 MR. SAM: Is there any provision there for Unit 24?

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42 MR. DeMATTEO: No, I'm sorry.

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44 MR. SAM: In that case I would move to amend Proposal
45 81 to include Unit 24 in the taking of beaver by shooting up to
46 two a day. I don't think that will happen but I would like to
47 be included in that and be legal.

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49 MR. DeMATTEO: So if I understand you correctly you're

50 adopting this sort of language for Unit 24?

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1 MR. SAM: Yeah, include it -- amend the proposal to
2 include Unit 24.

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4 MR. DeMATTEO: So it would say something to the effect
5 that if it is against the law to take beaver by any other means
6 other than steel trap or snare except you may shoot two beaver
7 a day for Unit 24.

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9 MR. SAM: Okay, maybe we should clarify a little bit.
10 How are we covered -- how is 24 covered under this provision.

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12 MS. MEEHAN: Ron, you've got me really confused. What
13 Pete's reading to you are the State regulations and what we
14 have in front of us is a proposal that this Council put forth
15 last year that the intent of the proposal was to match State
16 regulations. Well, as it turns out, Unit 24 is not included in
17 the State regulations. So what you have in front of you does
18 not match the State regulations.

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20 MR. SAM: Okay, that's what I'm trying to get at then.

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22 MS. MEEHAN: Yeah.

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24 MR. SAM: And maybe with -- okay, if we adopt this,
25 where would that put us?

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27 MS. MEEHAN: You would have something that the State
28 does not have. You would have a Federal regulation that is not
29 in concert with the State regulation. And I guess, Pete, do
30 you have what the trapping regulations are in Unit 24?

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32 MR. DeMATTEO: Well, under the State regulation, Unit
33 18, 19, 21 and 24 is November 1 through June 10, no limit.

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35 MS. MEEHAN: Okay, so that's what it would be. So it
36 is the same. Without the shooting?

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38 MR. DeMATTEO: Well, they don't have the shooting
39 restriction for Unit 24.

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41 MS. MEEHAN: Okay.

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43 MR. DeMATTEO: Provision, pardon me. Provision.

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45 MR. SAM: So if we shoot them would we be in violation
46 of law?

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48 MS. MEEHAN: No.

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MR. DeMATTEO: I'm not the guy to ask because now

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1 you're talking about shooting a critter that lives either on or
2 near the water. You get my drift here? I don't know, we need
3 clarification on that. And it depends on where that body of
4 water is would be a major factor here because now you're coming
5 up with a regulation that's unaligned with the State by adding
6 this allow to shoot two a day.

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8 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Dave.

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10 MR. ANDERSON: I'm trying to figure this out the same
11 time you guys are. What Pete described was, there are some
12 exceptions at the beginning of the section on beaver that
13 specifically have provided for an open water spring beaver
14 shooting season. And they don't have that -- they have not
15 added that restriction to Unit 24. Unit 24 just as the long
16 season and there's no provision in there saying that you can
17 shoot them. So I don't know whether that's an oversight on the
18 part of the State or what.

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20 MR. COLLINS: You can shoot fur bearers, though, right,
21 if you're trapping? So actually there would be no limit on the
22 number you would shoot in 24 as I understand it. That's a
23 method of under State regs of taking fur bearers is with
24 firearm.

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26 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: No.

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28 MR. COLLINS: Right?

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30 MR. ANDERSON: Except that there is a blanket provision
31 that Pete read. It is against the law to take beaver by any
32 other means other than a steel trap or snare except and then he
33 listed the exceptions.

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35 MR. COLLINS: Okay, I see.

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37 MR. ANDERSON: And Unit 24 is not among the exceptions
38 that he listed. That's a surprise to me.

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40 MR. REAKOFF: Mr. Chairman.

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42 MR. SAM: That's what I wanted to clarify.

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44 MR. REAKOFF: I'll also note here that even in those
45 units where it's allowed that it's only from April 15 through
46 May 31 for shooting.

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48 MR. COLLINS: Right.

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MR. REAKOFF: I, personally question the May 31st.....

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1 MR. COLLINS: Yeah.

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3 MR. REAKOFF:as being too late.

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5 MR. SAM: When to beaver breed, that should settle the
6 issue about the kits; when do they breed?

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8 MR. REAKOFF: Mr. Chairman.

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10 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Jack.

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12 MR. REAKOFF: I've got quite a bit of beavers and when
13 you catch beaver in the middle of April they've got kits in
14 them about that long. Those beavers as far as I know --
15 where's all our biologists, they're born, at least by the
16 middle of May. So when those kits are in the house, you know,
17 I would -- I got a problem with that.

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19 MR. SAM: Maybe we should tell them to have an
20 abortion, uh?

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22 MR. REAKOFF: You know, the male and female beavers are
23 together all winter so they breed early, in the late winter.

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25 MR. SAM: Mr. Chairman, excuse me, but what I want to
26 do is align 24 with the rest of the stated units and that would
27 make us legal if we do get that provision.

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29 MR. DeMATTEO: Okay. Understand that if you line up
30 with the State you're just expanding the season to June 1st.

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32 MR. SAM: Yes.

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34 MR. DeMATTEO: But to totally line up with the State,
35 you would not have the provision to shoot two a day. If you go
36 for the two a day then you'd be unaligned from the State and
37 someone here would have to clarify for me about the navigable
38 water issue and all that good stuff. How does that kick in.

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40 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: No.

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42 MR. DeMATTEO: My supervisor there is making eyes at me
43 so forget I said that.

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45 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Vince.

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47 MR. MATHEWS: Maybe Ron or Jack or William; I'm rushing
48 through the State Board of Game proposals; is there any Board
49 of Game proposals dealing with beaver? Okay. So I was just

50 wondering if that -- since Interior proposals are before the

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1 State Board in March.

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3 This is your proposal. And no other Council is
4 reviewing it or needs to review it so you have full range of --
5 you always have full range to do whatever you want but in this
6 one you're not going to offend any adjoining Regional Council,
7 just to let you know that.

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9 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: George.

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11 MR. SHERROD: This is a little food for thought. In
12 Unit 25, we actually created a beaver hunting season to allow
13 individuals to take beavers for food in the spring. This
14 current proposal seems -- and the State does not have that. IT
15 was something that the Federal Board did to, is they allow
16 people to take beaver for food when they're out camping. I
17 believe that we also have it in the fall, too. Vince is right,
18 this is your proposal. It does seem to be a bit more
19 complicated, it has a few more sides to it than what we saw
20 before. If you opted to take no action on it right now but
21 direct the Staff to look at it from other alternatives or
22 whatever, it's not going to effect anybody because currently
23 all this would -- in theory would have done would be to align
24 our regulations with the States, which is more liberal taking.
25 No action on it at this time is not going to negatively effect
26 anybody. Just a suggestion.

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28 MR. SAM: Mr. Chairman.

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30 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Ron.

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32 MR. SAM: I do take -- I do shoot beaver now and then,
33 I want to be legal while I'm out camping. You like a change of
34 diet once in a while when you're out seining for fish and
35 something like that.

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37 MR. SHERROD: But what I'm suggesting is that maybe
38 next year we could put it through a proposal and actually
39 introduce a hunting season similar to what we have in Unit 25.
40 I think it's one beaver a day and one in possession. Basically
41 allow people to take beaver for consumption.

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43 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Ron.

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45 MR. SAM: Yeah, George, so if we just voted this
46 proposal down we'd still be covered under the State?

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48 MR. SHERROD: Yeah. Voting it down would not provide
49 you any -- it wouldn't have any effect whatsoever. And maybe

50 at the fall meeting, we can take up the issue of whether we

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1 would be interested in establishing hunting seasons for beaver
2 for rural residents to allow them to take them while they're
3 out camping and fishing and so on for consumption.

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5 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Ron.

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7 MR. SAM: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I'd like to direct the
8 Staff to go ahead and bring all the complications and
9 everything else that you can think of on this issue because as
10 I stated before, you are invited to Allakaket for the fall
11 meeting.

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13 MR. MATHEWS: Yes, and I appreciate that because George
14 is right, but we also -- Western Interior submitted a proposal
15 to the Board of Game to establish a beaver hunting season and
16 got that approved. I just can't find it in their book.
17 Because then you would have difficulty of implementing a season
18 on Federal unless we got control of navigable waters. So we'll
19 have that all laid out by fall on this issue.

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21 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Maybe.

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23 MR. SAM: Question.

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25 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Question's been called for on
26 Proposal 81. All in favor of Proposal 81 signify by saying
27 aye.

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29 (No aye responses)

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31 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: All opposed same sign.

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33 IN UNISON: Aye.

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35 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: It's been deferred.

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37 MR. MATHEWS: That brings us up to Proposal 84 dealing
38 with wolf in Unit 24 to align seasons.

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40 MR. DeMATTEO: Mr. Chair, Proposal 84 was submitted by
41 the Western Interior Advisory Council. This would change the
42 current Federal wolf trapping season for Unit 24 from November
43 1 through March 31 to match the State's November 1 through
44 April 30 season. The existing Federal wolf trapping regulation
45 for Unit 24 is 30 days more restrictive than the State's.

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47 The Department of Fish and Game was able to estimate
48 the fall wolf population for the unit between 400 and 540
49 wolves distributed between 58 and 66 packs for the unit. And

50 this was determined through census and also trapper interviews

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1 and through previous surveys.

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3 The preliminary results from sealing records indicate,
4 again these are preliminary, indicate that hunters and trappers
5 harvested 83 wolves during the '96/97 season. Adoption of this
6 regulation is not anticipated to increase the current harvest
7 level as everything that is harvested currently happens under
8 the State regulations.

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10 The preliminary Staff conclusion is to adopt the
11 proposal.

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13 MR. MATHEWS: You had one written comment from K-Corp
14 supporting this proposal. And I believe Gates of the Arctic
15 Subsistence Resource Commission, Jack may want to share that.
16 And there is Staff here from Gates of the Arctic that may also
17 want to share some comments on this.

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19 MR. REAKOFF: Mr. Chairman.

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21 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Jack.

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23 MR. REAKOFF: Mr. Chairman, Gates of the Arctic SRC
24 looked at this proposal and voted it down unanimously. The
25 testimony by people from Anaktuvuk and myself was that after
26 the end of March the wolves start -- the warm weather starts to
27 make the wolves stick down and the rub out and the skin gets
28 worth hardly nothing. And people of Anaktuvuk and Wiseman rely
29 heavily upon wolves for income and we felt that it was a
30 wastage of that wolf for its value. And that was the reasons
31 behind the SRC voting against this proposal. And Steve Ulvi
32 was there, he may remember something that I've forgotten.

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34 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Ron.

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36 MR. SAM: Mr. Chairman, I move to adopt Proposal 84.

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38 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: There's a motion to adopt Proposal
39 84, do I hear a second?

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41 MR. JONES: Second.

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43 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Seconded for discussion. Is there
44 anybody on Staff that wanted to make any comments on Proposal
45 84? Ron.

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47 MR. SAM: We are far more dependent on moose and
48 caribou than on wolves for subsistence. And we are in direct
49 conflict with wolves as far as harvesting these game animals.

50 We are being overrun by them in our area, much like the

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1 circumstances of McGrath a few years ago. They are -- there's
2 quite a few packs west, east and north and south of Allakaket
3 that are really harvesting moose. As I stated before we have
4 deep snow and heavy timber. And I'd like to see -- I mean the
5 only way we can protect our subsistence needs is by predator
6 control and this extension through April 30th gives us just 30
7 more days to harvest some wolves if we can.

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9 Again, our primary concern is the moose and caribou.

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11 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Anymore comments?

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13 MR. DERENDOFF: Mr. Chair, I would like to comment on
14 this April 30th. This doesn't seem too much of a problem with
15 -- like the beaver, but I think that April 30 would depend a
16 lot on the traditional use of a -- well, the trapping of the
17 animal, wolf. A local trapper with common sense wouldn't go
18 out and trap wolves when they know they're rough. So that
19 would just depend on the trapper's choice. Now, if somebody
20 went ahead and did it, that's definitely -- but then I could
21 see the point on predator control. So I'm just halfway in
22 between. Maybe I'm for it a little more.

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24 MR. SAM: My side, I hope.

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26 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman.

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28 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Ray.

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30 MR. COLLINS: I guess a question for Jack, would it be
31 possible to accommodate your needs by drawing a line at Bettles
32 or something through 24 along there in the north -- you're
33 thinking of the northern open areas in the Park is where they
34 hunt and they're really concerned about it for fur, but the
35 people down below where they have the moose and they're having
36 problems would like the longer season; could we do something
37 like that?

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39 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Jack.

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41 MR. REAKOFF: I will go along with what Ron's saying,
42 you know, we're just not going to trap wolves ourselves.

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44 MR. COLLINS: Right.

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46 MR. REAKOFF: That's just what -- we're not going to do
47 that. So I'll go along with this proposal but we're just going
48 to not trap at that time of the year, that's just the way it's
49 -- we're going to personally not do that.

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1 MR. SAM: Yeah, to set William and Jack straight,
2 people aren't trapping at that time because of the trapping
3 conditions. It's just that you do shoot one or two now and
4 then if you're opportunistic or if -- if you have a chance.
5 And it's more predator control than anything else. And at that
6 time you don't get prime prices, you don't sell those furs, you
7 make mittens or you make fur ruffs out of them and that's for
8 personal use. And that's one of the few ways that we have of
9 predator control and it's very limited.

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11 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Any more comments on Proposal 84?

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13 MR. SAM: Question.

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15 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Question's been called for on
16 Proposal 84. All in favor of Proposal 84 signify by saying
17 aye.

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19 IN UNISON: Aye.

20 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: All opposed same sign.

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22 (No opposing responses)

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24 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: 84 is passed.

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26 MR. MATHEWS: Mr. Chairman, we had a request during
27 break to defer Proposal 38 until tomorrow morning unless Hollis
28 got back -- I don't see him back. So we would need to move up
29 to Proposal 93 and that would be on Page 178. Proposal 93
30 deals with customary and traditional use determinations in Unit
31 23. This is the proposal I talked to you earlier about. This
32 is the one that I believe is deferred from last year and George
33 will be talking about 93.

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35 MR. SHERROD: Mr. Chair, Council members, Proposal 93
36 deals with black bear in Unit 23. The existing determination
37 is basically no determination. All rural residents. Based on
38 the information obtained through the course of the analysis in
39 terms of use -- of Unit 23 particular by communities
40 represented by this Council and the map passed out shows some
41 of the hunting areas. This is for Galena, clearly showing that
42 bear are taken in Unit 23 by residents of Galena. Other
43 documents support similar findings for the communities of
44 Huslia, Hughes, Allakaket, Alatna and Koyukuk. And so the
45 preliminary conclusions would be to modify this proposal to
46 include residents of Unit 23 and then residents of the six
47 communities I just mentioned that start at the top of Page 192.
48 And I'm not sure what -- given your action on the last bear
49 proposals I'm not sure what the Northwest -- what they did with

50 this and it might be worthwhile hearing that before we go too

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1 much farther.

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3 MR. MATHEWS: I don't know if Tom's gotten a response
4 back -- Tom Boyd. The best we have now is we believe they
5 adopted this one, I assume as the Staff conclusion. And again,
6 I think we'll be getting a report, but that's the best we have
7 is that they adopted it as the Staff conclusion there.

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9 MR. SHERROD: Mr. Chair.

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11 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: George.

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13 MR. SHERROD: I suggest that in light of your past
14 actions and given if they did adopt this, it does include the
15 communities that appear to have use of that area from your
16 region. That you might ought to take no action on this, that
17 would not be in conflict then with your previous actions about
18 not making black bear determinations given that there is no
19 resource issue.

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21 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Is there a motion to accept Proposal
22 93?

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24 (No audible response)

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26 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Do I hear a motion to accept Proposal
27 93?

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29 MR. REAKOFF: Mr. Chairman.

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31 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Jack.

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33 MR. REAKOFF: I got a question about -- I would really
34 have to know what the Northwest had done on this proposal
35 whether to table it. If they just go with their then they --
36 you know, then they may not include what we might include. I
37 would like to -- I don't feel that a determination is necessary
38 right now like we have been doing on these black bears. But I
39 would like to convey that also to the Northwest if -- have they
40 met yet?

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42 MS. MEEHAN: They met last week.

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44 MR. REAKOFF: And there's no telling what they did.

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46 MS. MEEHAN: We can find out. By tomorrow I could give
47 you what they did on these proposals.

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49 MR. REAKOFF: Yeah.

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1 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Ron.

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3 MR. SAM: So Mr. Chairman, I would like to defer
4 Proposal 93 until tomorrow.

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6 MR. REAKOFF: Yes.

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8 MR. SAM: Because it is proposed by Northwest and all
9 they're doing is giving us an opportunity to hunt in their
10 area.

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12 MR. REAKOFF: Yes. Mr. Chairman.

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14 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Jack.

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16 MR. REAKOFF: At the SRC level we discussed this
17 proposal quite a bit. And representatives Levi Clewend from
18 Shungnak. He says that he didn't have a problem with Unit 24
19 residents hunting over there on that in 23. And so I'd like to
20 see this deferred until tomorrow to find out what they did over
21 there.

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23 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Table Proposal 93 until tomorrow.

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25 MR. SAM: Defer.

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27 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Defer Proposal 93 until tomorrow.

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29 MR. MATHEWS: That brings us up to Proposal 53, 54, and
30 that's to deal with revised customary and traditional use
31 determinations for 17(A) and (B). And George will explain why
32 we're looking at Unit 17.

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34 MR. SHERROD: I'll try. Proposal 53 requests that
35 addition of Akiak and Akiachak to the existing c&t
36 determination for Unit 17 and for Unit 17(A) and (B). Proposal
37 54 requests addition of all residents of Unit 18 to the
38 existing c&t determination for Unit 17(A) and (B) and then
39 basically Unit 17.

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41 Again, we sort of touched on this before, harvest
42 ticket data and so on is fairly limited. Review of the
43 literature on the community indicates that all of the
44 communities sort of in question do meet most of the eight
45 factors and that they are subsistence based economies. The
46 question becomes where and based on the data available to the
47 Staff, the preliminary conclusion was to grant a customary and
48 traditional use determination for Akiak, Akiachak, Quinhagak,
49 Goodnews Bay and Platinum for caribou in Unit 17(A) and (B) and

50 to decline to grant the customary and traditional use

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1 determination for the remainder of Unit 18 residents for
2 community -- for Unit 17.

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4 MR. MATHEWS: Mr. Chairman, the reason this is before
5 you is because the existing c&t has Lime Village in there.
6 Lime Village falls within your region.

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8 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Lime Village and Stoney.

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10 MR. MATHEWS: Oh, and Stoney, sorry, Stoney River.

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12 MR. COLLINS: Do you have a map to look at?

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14 MR. MATHEWS: For which unit?

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16 MR. COLLINS: 17.

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18 MR. MATHEWS: That I don't think I have but let me
19 check. You'd have it in your book, I don't think I picked up
20 17, I will for the next meeting.

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22 MS. MEEHAN: I think it's worth pointing out to the
23 Council that for the two villages that are in your region, the
24 determination for those two villages does not change with the
25 proposal.

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27 MR. COLLINS: Okay, because they're already in there?

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29 MS. MEEHAN: Yes. They're already in there and they
30 stay in there.

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32 MR. COLLINS: Yes.

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34 MS. MEEHAN: And so it is a proposal that effects
35 primarily the Bristol Bay region as well as Unit 18, which is
36 Yukon-Delta because it has to do with Akiak and Akiachak. But
37 for purposes of this Council, it's a non-event, if you will.

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39 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman.

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41 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Ray.

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43 MR. COLLINS: Since the residents of our unit are
44 included, I mean Lime Village, at least is.....

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46 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Yes.

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48 MR. COLLINS:in the current ont there and it
49 doesn't effect the rest of us, I don't think we -- I don't see

50 why we should take action on it as long as they're going to

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1 remain in there. Lime would be the -- we'd want to protect the
2 interests of Lime Village, but if they're already protected
3 then it seems like it's an issue for the Western Council, not
4 ours.

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6 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Bristol Bay.

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8 MR. MATHEWS: Bristol Bay.

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10 MR. COLLINS: Bristol Bay, okay.

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12 MS. MEEHAN: Well, Mr. Chairman, if somebody was
13 interested in making a motion to that effect you could do that.
14 Say that, you know, we defer to the other Councils with the
15 provision that Lime Village and Stoney River maintain their
16 current c&t determination.

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18 MR. MATHEWS: Yes.

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20 MR. COLLINS: I so move.

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22 MR. SAM: Second.

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24 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: There's a motion to.....

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26 MR. SAM: Defer to Bristol Bay.

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28 CHAIRMAN MORGAN:defer to Bristol Bay region for
29 their determination as long as the -- what was the wording,
30 Lime Village and Stoney River would remain.

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32 MR. SAM: Yes.

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34 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: And it has been seconded. Anymore
35 questions on that? For clarification and to be clear in my
36 head, could you reread the motion?

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38 MS. MEEHAN: The motion is to defer to Bristol Bay
39 providing Lime Village and Stoney River maintain their current
40 c&t determinations in Unit 17(A) and (B).

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42 MR. SAM: Does that cover 53 and 54?

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44 MR. COLLINS: Yes.

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46 MS. MEEHAN: Yes.

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48 MR. SAM: Okay. Question.

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CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Do you want to call it at this time

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1 on 53 and then come back on 54 and make the same or do we want
2 to make the motion that it will cover both of the proposals?

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4 MR. MATHEWS: Right.

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6 MR. COLLINS: Well, as the mover and the seconder, I'd
7 include that -- include the numbers in there that we would
8 defer both of those.

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10 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Okay, friendly amendment.

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12 MR. SAM: Second, second, second.

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14 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: The second concurs. Okay. There's
15 one motion, if we approve, will take care of Proposal 53 and
16 54. Any more questions or comments on the proposals -- revised
17 proposal on 53 and 54?

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19 MR. SAM: Question.

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21 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Question's been called for. All in
22 favor -- now is this.....

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24 MR. COLLINS: We're deferring.

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26 CHAIRMAN MORGAN:deferring Proposal 53 and -- all
27 in favor of the motion for deferring Proposals 53 and 54
28 signify by saying aye.

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30 IN UNISON: Aye.

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32 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: All opposed same sign.

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34 (No opposing responses)

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36 MR. MATHEWS: Okay, Mr. Chairman.

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38 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Yes.

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40 MR. MATHEWS: In your book you have Proposal 56, that
41 is my error, that is not a proposal that you need to look at,
42 it's dealing with the Nushagak Peninsula. So I just want the
43 record to reflect that you have it in your book but -- and it
44 says that you need to look at it, but to my understanding I
45 don't think Western Interior needs to look at this because it's
46 basically not in your area.

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48 So with that understanding then we go to Proposal --
49 well, my next on is 57 but I don't see it in the book -- oh,

50 that's because it's in your.....

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1 MR. COLLINS: What about 56.

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3 MR. MATHEWS: 56 deals just with the Nushagak
4 Peninsula. When I first read it over I thought it applied
5 further than that but it's really way out of your area.

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7 MR. COLLINS: 57 is also out you say?

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9 MR. MATHEWS: 57, again is the movement by snowmachine,
10 Lime Village and Stoney River have c&t determination.

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12 MR. COLLINS: Okay.

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14 MR. MATHEWS: So it's all of Unit 17(A) and (C).

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16 MR. COLLINS: Okay.

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18 MR. MATHEWS: There's 57. I assume Pete will be
19 covering 57.

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21 MR. DeMATTEO: Mr. Chairman, Proposal 57 was submitted
22 by Mr. Tommy Evon of Togiak, Alaska. It would allow the take
23 of caribou from a snowmachine while it is in motion in subunit
24 17(A) and part of subunit 17(C) to include the Nushagak
25 Peninsula south of the Ugashik River, the Tuklung River and the
26 Tuklung Hills west of Tavatluk Bay.

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28 Under current Federal subsistence management
29 regulations snowmachines may be used to search and approach
30 caribou. Furthermore it is unlawful to take caribou from a
31 snowmachine so long as the snowmachine is not in motion and the
32 snowmachine is not being used to drive, herd or molest the
33 caribou. Similarly, State of Alaska regulations allow hunters
34 to take caribou from a snowmachine with the added condition
35 that the engine is not running. Despite historic and current
36 regulations, the taking of or attempting to take caribou from
37 snowmachines in motion is an ongoing practice in Unit 17. This
38 proposal is attempting to legalize an activity that is
39 currently illegal.

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41 The preliminary Staff conclusion is to oppose the
42 proposal.

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44 MR. MATHEWS: To my knowledge there was no written
45 comments and the State is welcome to share their comments.

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47 MR. SAM: Do we have any interest in this, just Lime
48 Village and Stoney River?

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MR. MATHEWS: It's not included.

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1 MS. MEEHAN: Just Lime Village and Stoney River.

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3 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Unit 19.....

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5 MS. MEEHAN: Yeah, but they have -- they can go down
6 and hunt in 17(A), they have that c&t determination.

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8 Mr. Chairman, you might -- I might want to remind you
9 of the discussion that we had at the joint Council Chair
10 meetings when we talked about the overlap proposals between all
11 three villages, Bristol Bay and Yukon Delta and then you were
12 there representing Western Interior.

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14 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Um-hum.

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16 MS. MEEHAN: And as I recall -- but I mean certainly
17 you were there and Vince you were there as well, there was
18 quite a discussion about this proposal. And to summarize that
19 discussion, people shared concerns that shooting from a
20 snowmachine was not safe and that it was basically not a good
21 hunting practice. And while some people like to do it there
22 was a general feeling within that group, which again was Chairs
23 and representatives from the three Councils that this was not a
24 good idea. And that logic is picked up in the Staff analysis.

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26 MR. MATHEWS: Yes. It is dangerous shooting from a
27 moving snowmachine. Okay, at this time I think we need to
28 entertain a motion to either approve Proposal 57 -- accept
29 Proposal 57?

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31 MR. COLLINS: I'll move to get it on the table.

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33 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: There's a motion to accept Proposal
34 57.

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36 MR. SAM: Second.

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38 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Seconded for discussion.

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40 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, I think I would oppose this
41 as it is because I don't think it's a good idea. I can't -- if
42 they're not -- if they can't at least stop and shoot, I don't
43 see how they're going to shoot more accurately from a moving
44 snowmachine than they would be stopped because of distance. I
45 mean it doesn't sound -- and it could have precedent in another
46 area. I don't think it's a thing to encourage.

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48 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: My personal opinion is it's an unsafe
49 practice.

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1 MR. COLLINS: Yeah, okay. Well, I was going to --
2 yeah.

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4 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Ron.

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6 MR. SAM: Yeah. The only reason I -- I mean I would
7 oppose this, too, because it would be opening the door for --
8 if you open the door for one machine you could open the door
9 for quite a few. But what I want to say is hovercrafts, jet
10 boats, and airplanes, you know, if you open this you would
11 probably open the door an inch or two for one of those other
12 vehicles.

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14 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Anymore discussion on Proposal 57?
15 Hearing none, all in favor of Proposal 57 signify by saying
16 aye.

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18 (No aye responses)

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20 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: All opposed same sign aye.

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22 IN UNISON: Aye.

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24 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Proposal 57 has failed.

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26 MR. MATHEWS: Mr. Chairman, that brings us up to
27 Request for Reconsideration 97-16. Now, request for
28 reconsideration is basically to reconsider an issue the Board
29 took up. I'm not recommending this, I'm just advising you do
30 not have to take action on this. This is dealing with Unit 26
31 sheep. The sheep c&t determination, the Alaska Department of
32 Fish and Game is questioning that Board decision. So that's on
33 Page 210 in your.....

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35 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: 210.

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37 MR. MATHEWS: Well, we lost Page 209, but it's 210 in
38 here. Look at Page 210 and I believe George will be discussing
39 that one.

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41 MR. SHERROD: I think Rosa's going to talk in more
42 detail about requests for considerations a little later on.
43 What occasionally happens and it happens less here than it has
44 in Eastern Interior is determinations are made and the State
45 basically contests them. This is one of the reasons why we
46 write these analysis and bring the information out. And one of
47 the reasons why when we change these that the word has to come
48 from you guys because they're based on evidence. In this case,
49 the State basically challenged the expanded c&t determination

50 for sheep to include all the communities in Unit 26. It does

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1 not change the -- or they did not challenge the communities
2 within this region that would have access under existing c&t,
3 so basically the State is not taking an action that would
4 effect any of the communities here. But if there's -- and
5 perhaps with that, nothing needs to be done with this and when
6 Rosa makes her presentation or Tom or whoever does on RFR, they
7 can paint a pic -- you know, you can get a better idea of
8 what's going on. But I think the lesson from this is, you
9 know, it's important and it's sometimes tedious going through
10 all of this information to make the determination, but it's
11 sort of necessary because there are people out there watching
12 us and making sure we sort of dot our I's and cross our T's.

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14 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Is there a motion to accept.....

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16 MR. MATHEWS: Mr. Chairman.

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18 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Go ahead, Vince.

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20 MR. MATHEWS: There's no motion needed.

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22 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Okay, good, you don't need a motion.

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24 MR. MATHEWS: If you.....

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26 MS. MEEHAN: I'll just share with you, the reason --
27 when we receive -- we received a number of requests for
28 reconsideration last summer from the Department of Fish and
29 Game. There were several of them that were similar, in that,
30 the concern expressed by the Department was that there was
31 insufficient within the analysis to support the recommendation
32 adopted by the Board. And so in trying to work this would with
33 Fish and Game, what we all agreed to do is we would take these
34 proposals back to the Councils and ask if they had any
35 additional information that they could provide us to bolster
36 the decision that was made. And in this particular case it's
37 as a courtesy that we're letting you know that this one is on
38 the table, but it does not effect the determination as it
39 pertains your region. It very much effects the determination
40 as it effects the North Slope.

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42 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: It is informational, right?

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44 MR. MATHEWS: Pretty much information, yes, correct.
45 And we just -- like she said it's in regulation, we're bound to
46 let you know of these and this was an opportune time to do it.

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48 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: Okay. So let it be -- let it be
49 done. Okay, we're done with Item 9, right, the proposals --

50 except the two we're going to revisit tomorrow.

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1 MR. MATHEWS: Proposal 93 and 38.

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3 MS. MEEHAN: 38.

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5 MR. MATHEWS: We may even get 38 today if Mr. Twitchell
6 returns in time.

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8 MS. MEEHAN: Vince, I don't think he's planning on it.

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10 MR. MATHEWS: Oh, he mentioned to us he might try.

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12 MS. MEEHAN: Okay, but I don't think so.

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14 MR. MATHEWS: Mr. Chair, that would bring us up to the
15 annual report, which we can go into now or if you so desire.

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17 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: What is the wish of the Council? Do
18 you want to break or do you want to go into the annual report?

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20 MR. COLLINS: How are we doing time wise on the agenda,
21 Mr. Chairman.

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23 MR. MATHEWS: Well, please realize when I wrote this
24 agenda in November, I'm probably a pretty good gambler on time,
25 you know. Don't go by the time I put down there, I mean you
26 can advance ahead or do whatever you'd like.

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28 MR. COLLINS: Right.

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30 MR. MATHEWS: It was just a guess.

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32 MR. COLLINS: Well, I guess what I'm asking is, can we
33 finish tomorrow if we don't do something on this now?

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35 MR. MATHEWS: On the remaining items there, charter,
36 fisheries and informational items, they're not going -- well, I
37 don't think they're going to take a lot of time to deal with.
38 Fisheries may but that's your call. The rest of them, without
39 knowing all the agency reports, but I don't think there's many,
40 are going to be quite brief.

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42 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: We'll limit them to, what, one minute
43 or so?

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45 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: You're learning.

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47 MR. MATHEWS: And you are starting at 8:30 tomorrow
48 so.....

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CHAIRMAN MORGAN: It looks like we can get done with

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1 the rest by 4:30 or so by tomorrow.

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3 MR. MATHEWS: My guess would be probably 3:00 o'clock,
4 2:30, but I haven't checked with the bookies to find out the
5 latest run on this. Usually there's a little side game going
6 on.

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8 CHAIRMAN MORGAN: So if it's okay with the rest of the
9 Council, recess until 8:30 in the morning.

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11 (Hearing recessed)

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